

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
November 10, 2016

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on November 10, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Jeri Holt presiding. Council members present were: Sallie Buck, John Carver, Natalie Wellman, and Tyson Brammer. Staff attending: City Manager Robert V. "Bob" Green, City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Wiggins, Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier, and Lineman Todd Field. Also in attendance were: Cary Sayre and Bob Harbour.

Mayor Jeri Holt called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Utility Rate Study Work Session: Bob Harbour presented the model of the projections for the Electric Fund. City Clerk Krumpelman noted that the FY16-17 Budget is showing less revenue for Electric Service than the model based on history. It is also showing a higher expenditure for the Purchase of Wholesale Electricity than the model due to the possibility of capacity charges. Bob Harbour went over the catalytic converter project and how it could affect the assumptions in the model. He recommended the electric rates remain the same, as he is projecting electricity and capacity costs to increase. Cary Sayre presented to the Council the projections for the Water Fund. He provided a brief history of why the City has a contract with Rural Water. Cary Sayre went over the assumptions for the Sewer Fund. The Council discussed increasing the water and sewer rates at a minimum of twenty-five percent for water and seventy-five percent for sewer and increase them again the following year or to do the full rate increase required so the Water and Sewer funds are operating without a deficit and how each option would affect the citizens. Councilman Brammer recommended to do a two year increase for both water and sewer rates. Superintendent Wiggins reported to the Council how it would affect his utility bill if the full increase was done at one time. There was discussion on the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved that a bill(s) be initiated to increase the water rate by twenty-five percent the first year and twenty-five percent the second year and that the sewer rate be increased by 75% the first year and 45% the second year with a provision for a yearly review. Councilman Carver seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Mayor Holt – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Councilman Carver – yes, and Councilwoman Wellman – yes. Councilman Brammer had to leave the meeting at 12:45pm, before the vote. City Clerk Krumpelman inquired when the rates would go into effect. A consensus of January 1, 2017 was provided by the Council.

Reserve Calculation: City Clerk Krumpelman reported on the FY 15-16 financial standing since the end of year reports have been completed. She requested City Council approve the transfer of \$121,300.00 of general fund reserves to the City's main bank account to ensure there are adequate funds in the account. Council discussed the topic. Councilman Carver moved to transfer \$121,300.00 of the reserves to the main bank account. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Carver – yes, Councilwoman Wellman – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, and Mayor Holt – yes.

With no further business, Councilman Carver moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Wellman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.  
Approved on November 15, 2016 by Marceline City Council.