

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL
November 13, 2024

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on November 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Sallie Buck presiding. Council members present were Josh Shoemaker, Brian Baker, and Gary Carlson. Councilwoman Shelly Milford was absent. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Lindsay Krumpelman, Pool Manager Carol Logue, Police Chief John Wright and Police Officer Chris Murray. Others present: Donna Moore, John Moore, Mark Lynes Jr., Lana Harrell, Dave Tavres, John Siecinski, Amy Spencer, Carol Klingsmith, Skyler Bruner, Gary Birdsong, and Reporter Robin Fry.

Mayor Sallie Buck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Councilman Baker moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Baker moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Krumpelman stated they sent out the required notification letters to customers based on the initial results of the Lead Service Line Inventory. She reported the City received the amended Financial Assistance Award allocating the remaining grant funds for the MoDNR ARPA LSLI project. City Manager Wallis signed the amendment, and it was submitted back to MoDNR. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the new budget is installed in the financial software system and the required ad for the Semi-Annual Financial report is scheduled to be published and was posted on the City's website. She stated the Public Hearing on the utility rates is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm in the auditorium with the stage at Marceline High School and the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board is holding a public hearing for Nature's Grace on Wednesday, December 4th at 11:00 am at City Hall. She stated the Council will have a public hearing on Nature's Grace request at their regular December meeting. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman concluded stating she plans to work on end of the year filing in between projects.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that the lights on the communications tower by the pool are out. He stated they are working on scheduling a safety inspection on the tower at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00. He went on to explain that if the original vendor is unable to fix the lights soon, the firm doing the inspection may be able to. City Manager Wallis informed the Council he received an email from a company interested in purchasing the Water and Wastewater systems. He stated he does not recommend the Council sell those utilities. Councilman Shoemaker inquired about the term of the PWS#3 wholesale water supply contract. City Manager Wallis responded he is not familiar with that agreement yet. Mayor Buck moved to Citizen's Participation. Councilman Baker called for a point of Order stating the Council Update was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Buck inquired if there were any Council updates.

Council Update: No update.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Donna Moore stated that they only received the information concerning the proposed criteria yesterday and if \$120,000.00 was what the City expected the Friends of the Pool to pay towards the next season then they should give up now as that is not achievable. She stated they expect the City to contribute to the winter expenses as well. She asked the Council to wait to make a final decision on the goal as the pool is not yet

opened consistently. Councilman Carlson informed her that he had asked for this item to be on the agenda, and this is not final, but just the first draft.

Amy Spencer stated she felt that the criteria was a surprise as the original request was for \$75,000.00 in donations and now the request is almost double. Councilman Shoemaker stated the \$75,000.00 was just a number provided, without a budgetary reason. He stated the Council committed for a year since they met the \$75,000.00, but a formula to be used moving forward needs to be reached.

Carol Klingsmith requested items be received in a timely fashion. City Clerk Krumpelman explained the delay in sending out the information.

Councilman Baker explained at the time he suggested the \$75,000.00, he believed it was a manageable budget hole for this year, but did not intend that to be the standard for future years. Mayor Buck reiterated that the approval made after the donation commitments came in was for the pool to be open for the FY24-25 season and it needs to be determined what would be the criteria moving forward.

Skylar Bruner inquired who on the Council actually wants the pool dome to be open. Councilman Shoemaker responded that the whole Council wants it to be opened, but the issue is whether the City can continue to support the extreme losses the pool experiences during the winter season.

Donna Moore stated there needs to be a formula of how to calculate the needs each year and that the pool is more than just about money. Councilman Carlson stated everyone needs to pull together on this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Criteria For Continued Winter Operations for the Marceline Pool (FY25-26): Mayor Buck stated this item is to address setting the criteria for continued operations of the pool for the FY 25-26 season. Councilman Shoemaker stated the first point is the need to come up with a number the City is willing to lose during the winter season. City Manager Wallis stated that the number is zero. Councilman Shoemaker spoke on the situation of the City's budget and the needed infrastructure. City Manager Wallis went over his suggestions for the criteria, stating the \$120,000.00 is based on the previous year's loss. He stated the reality is the City is transferring funds from the Electric system to fund the General fund, and the City needs to curb that as much as possible. Councilman Shoemaker stated that the loss on the winter season is not fixable, no one is at fault, it's just not fixable. The Council discussed how to set the criteria and the possibility of using reserves from the Pool Sales Tax not being used towards the certificates of lease purchase payments to help cover the shortfall. City Attorney Cowherd stated the City may have to maintain a certain threshold but would not know that until he had a chance to review the documents. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Shoemaker stated it is a shame that City has to ask for \$1.00.

MIRMA Settlement Agreement & Budget Amendment – Bill Nos. 35-2437 and 35-2438: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman explained that after the Council approved the previous settlement for damage sustained on May 7, 2024, to the Electrical Plant Substation, she had inquired to MIRMA if the engineering costs associated with the repairs could be included in the claim. She stated MIRMA responded they could since they had not received the signed settlement yet. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated the new settlement is for an additional \$6,565 for the engineering costs for a total settlement of \$35,626 after the City's \$1,000 deductible. She stated the budget amendment is only for the additional \$6,565 as the amount of the original settlement is accounted for in the FY 25-26 budget.

Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2437 to authorize the execution of a Settlement Agreement and release between MIRMA and the City of Marceline for the loss or damage that occurred on or about May 02, 2024, be read twice by title only. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2437 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2437 be passed. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2437: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2436.

Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2438 to amend the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget to recognize an additional \$6,565 to be received from an insurance settlement by increasing the Electric Department Miscellaneous Income by \$6,565 and increasing the Electric Department Repairs and Maintenance Expense line item by the same be read twice by title only. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2438 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2438 be passed. Councilman Shoemaker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2438: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Shoemaker – aye, Mayor Buck – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2437.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation and Park Board Request – Playground Donation (ParksWork): City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated that the Recreation and Park Board are wanting to donate \$15,000 towards ParksWork’s playground project for a new playground structure in Walt Disney Park (South Park). City Attorney Cowherd explained the Board cannot donate funds, which are considered city funds, to a non-profit. He stated since the asset is being built on City property, they still have to follow City requirements and typically organizations will donate the funds to the City so the City would deal with those requirements and contracts. The Council discussed the topic. The Council provided a consensus that a meeting be set up with representatives from ParksWork, a representative for the Recreation and Park Board, city staff and legal counsel to discuss how best to move forward on the project.

Recreation and Park Board Ordinance Discussion: Mayor Buck opened the topic stating the Board is requesting for two additional board member seats be added to assist in ensuring a quorum is available. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated according to the board, certain board members are busier than others certain times of year, so they do not have all seven board members present all year round and more members could alleviate the time commitment of each board member in running the recreation leagues. City Attorney Cowherd stated the board could have nine (9) members. The Council discussed the topic and provided a consensus to bring back a bill to change their members from seven (7) to nine (9).

Compact Car Discussion: Mayor Buck explained that she proposed converting some parking spots at certain corners on Main Street USA to hopefully improve the line of sight for vehicles when turning on to Main Street USA from the side streets. City Manager Wallis stated typically a feasibility study would be done for something like this, but he is unsure of what those costs would be. He stated in his experience enforcement of compact cars is difficult and they had to paint a line at the back of the parking space so if the bumper went beyond that line, it was not considered a compact car. Councilman Shoemaker inquired if it would be simpler to eliminate spaces. City Manager Wallis stated it would be the cheapest and they could temporarily block off certain spaces and see how that affects things before officially eliminating those spaces. Councilman Shoemaker stated Daybreak would be main business that may have an issue with eliminating parking at their corner. The Council discussed the topic. City Manager Wallis stated staff would conduct a temporary survey on possibly temporary deleting parking spots to determine if it improves the line of sight, but they would be unable to enforce the no-parking of the spots until a bill is passed.

Councilman Shoemaker stated he is resigning his position on the Council effective this evening immediately following the end of Council meeting due to moving outside of city limits in the near future. Councilman Shoemaker stated he appreciated the Council's service and his ability to serve. The Council and staff expressed their appreciation of his service to the City.

The Council held a brief discussion and provided a consensus to accept applications to fill the vacant seat until Tuesday, December 10th.

With no further business, Councilman Shoemaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk Lindsay Krumpelman.

Approved by Marceline City Council on December 11, 2024