

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
November 17, 2015**

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on November 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Mayor Josh Shoemaker presiding. Council members present were: John Carver, Tyson Brammer and Sallie Buck. Staff attending: City Manager Richard Hoon, City Executive Assistant Dana Hamilton, City Attorney Jeff Elson, Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman, Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Wiggins, Police Chief Bob Donelson, and Officer Chris Murray. Also in attendance were: Joe Wright, Joyce Robinson, Jamie Stallo, Mitch Wrenn, Linda Linebaugh, Cathi Black, Markos Black, Cary Sayre, Reporter Tom Hauser, and Reporter Chris Houston.

Mayor Josh Shoemaker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Shoemaker.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Councilman Carver moved that the minutes from the October 20, 2015 Council meeting be approved with no corrections. Councilman Brammer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

City Department Updates: Electric Superintendent Dean Gauthier informed the assembly that his department is working on winterization. He reported that his department will continue with the tree trimming project. He also informed that the Electric Dept. will be quite busy with Christmas lights, trying to get all the lights up prior to Peanut Night which is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Gauthier concluded by stating that they will be meeting with Ameren regarding the new substation and informed council that the new transformer will be coming in tomorrow morning.

Street Superintendent Ed Ewigman reported that they have not done much on the trail, but all the dirt work and mulching/seeding has been finished. He informed the assembly that the winter salt for roads came in. The Street/Parks Dept. has also started the winterization of the parks and equipment. They will continue with tree removal as well.

Water and Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Wiggins reported that they were cleaning the sludge at the water plant. He reported they had approximately 10 more loads of sludge to dispose of. Superintendent Wiggins informed the assembly that the Raw Water Bids were opened and he will provide those bids to the Council at next month's meeting. Superintendent Wiggins concluded by stating that there has been a sewer issue in the northern part of town and the City is awaiting a letter from the Missouri Department of Health to inform the City that all has been taken care of.

Police Chief Bob Donelson reported that he and Captain Kort Brashear went to firearms training school. This training should help with the budget since they are now able to provide the training to the Officers instead of sending them to outside training. He stated that Officer Rhonda Doke has attended training for Kids First – Child Safe of Missouri. This training will assist with interview child victims. Police Chief Donelson informed the assembly that the Police Department has just purchased a holding cell for temporary holding of prisoners/defendants. This will help in separating juveniles and adults. Police Chief Donelson reported that they will be going to CIT training at the end of November. The Police Department is also working on the Christmas for Kids Event which will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Walsworth Community Center. This event is open to the Public. Police Chief Donelson concluded that the new car is now in service.

City Manager Richard Hoon reported that The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are just around the corner and all departments are getting prepared for Peanut Night, with the a new lighting system added this year. He reported that there will be an addition of 9,000 lights and 20 color-changing LED floodlights. City Manager Hoon reported that the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District Regional B, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Linn County sponsored a one day collection event held at the Recycling Center in Marceline on

Nov. 7, 2015. City Manager Hoon thanked many volunteers for this event including Richard Hoon, and his son Boston, Dennis VanDyke, Mitch Wrenn, Tommy Oldham, Dean Enyeart, Brad Bryant, Tyson Brammer and his son, and John Carver. Others in attendance was Ann Hamilton, North Missouri Solid Waste Management District Region B Planner, and Randy Railsback, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. The collection of all items and diverting them from the landfill is very beneficial to our environment and the residents of Linn County. The subject of hazardous waste collection was followed by two different subjects in City Manager Hoon's report. First, City Manager Hoon stated that the volunteers who give up personal time to make a positive impact on the community should be proud. These individuals put personal interests aside to give the residents of Marceline a quality of life they desire. Second, there has been an increased amount of illegal dumping at the City Dump. If DNR visits, this could mean the possibility of having the dump shut down and potentially fined. We are researching camera surveillance at various points to help eliminate the illegal dumping. The City's Planning Commission has been addressing items to make the program current and consistent with the code. City Manager Hoon addressed the tax statements. The assessed valuation for the City has increased, however the property and real estate tax rates decreased. Library Fund also decreased. The state auditor's office tells us what we can set our tax levy at each year, there is a hearing (no one attended this past year) and then Council sets the levy, with approval from the State Auditor's office. City Manager Hoon stressed that all information for the ½ cent sales tax was put on the radio, in the Linn County Leader, on the City's Website, and meetings with organizations and social media. There were NO hidden agendas, only facts. Not everyone is for this project, but that decision should be made at election time and should be based on factual information.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Shoemaker informed the assembly that there is one opening on the Housing Authority Board, due to Commissioner Connie Lane's resignation. Mayor Shoemaker reported that there were two applications submitted to the City, Paul Stark and Albert Yocom. After a short discussion with Council, Mayor Shoemaker appointed Paul Stark to the unexpired term from now until May 31, 2016.

Mayor Shoemaker informed the assembly that there is one opening on the Airport Board, due to Matt Neil's resignation. Mayor Shoemaker reported that there was one application submitted to the City, Darrell Gardner. Mayor Shoemaker appointed Darrell Gardner to the unexpired term from now until May 31, 2017.

#### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Joyce Robinson asked if there was anything on the City's website where individuals can post pros and cons. City Manager Hoon responded by letting Ms. Robinson know there was a location on the website to post.

Linda Linebaugh inquired where the temporary housing would be for the Police Department. Police Chief Donelson responded by letting her know again that this would be just a temporary holding cell at the Police Station, mainly to separate prisoners if they had more than two individuals in custody at the same time.

Mitch Wrenn wanted to follow up with the election results. Mr. Wrenn stated that the campaign costs were approximately \$550. He stated that in the first part of January the pool committee will kick off the campaign for the bond issue on April's ballot. Mitch stated on a positive note that this issue brought out more people to vote. Mayor Shoemaker thanks Mitch and the committee for all their hard work on the pool.

Joe Wright with Iron Man Ministries (Bethany Baptist Church) wanted to let the assembly know that they will be hosting a Community Event on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr. Wright stated this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year doing the evening and they are hoping to bring 300-400 people. There will be a dinner that evening and also a guest speaker. Mr. Wright advised that at a later time they will be requesting a possible road closure for the event. This event will also be open to all local vendors.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Declaring Election Results – ½ Cent Sales Tax: Councilman Carver moved to introduce Bill No. 15-11.033 for the first reading. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Attorney Elson read the bill by title only. Councilman Carver moved that Bill No. 15-11.033 be read for a second and final time by title only.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Buck. The motion carried. City Attorney Elson read the bill a second time by title only. Councilman Carver moved Bill No. 15-11.033 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Councilman Brammer - yes, Councilman Carver - yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, and Mayor Shoemaker - yes. This bill was assigned Ordinance Number 15-11.33.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

5-Year Water Plan: Water/Wastewater Water Superintendent Kevin Wiggins and Cary Sayre, Allstate Engineering, discussed the draft 5-Year Water Plan. Mr. Sayre stated that the plan included the worst problem water line areas in town. Mr. Sayre stated that the 5-Year Water Plan is a DNR approved document that allows the City to have a five year construction permit, which means the City would not have to apply for a permit to fix each water/sewer line included in the report. Sayre further stated that this would also be a tool for applying for and receiving grant funds for particular projects. Mayor Shoemaker requested Superintendent Wiggins to prioritize a list of the lines in the City that need fixed or replaced. City Manager Hoon stated that upon a consensus of the Council, the draft 5-Year Water Plan would be submitted to DNR for final approval, followed by final adoption by the Council. It was the consent of the City Council to forward the draft plan to DNR as presented.

2<sup>ND</sup> Amendment to Illinois Power Marketing Company Agreement: City Manager Hoon reported that the City’s existing Electric Service Agreement recognizes that Dynegy has taken over Ameren electric service contract and that Dynegy will provide a Letter of Credit to each city in the amount stated in the AEM contract as a corporate guarantee in case of default by Dynegy. Councilman Carver moved to introduce Bill No. 15-11.034 for first reading. Councilman Brammer seconded the motion. City Attorney Elson read the bill by title only. Councilman Carver moved that Bill No. 15-11-034 be read for a second and final time by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brammer. The motion carried. City Attorney Elson read the bill a second time by title only. Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Attorney Elson read the bill by title only. Councilman Carver moved Bill No. 15-11.034 be approved. Councilman Brammer seconded. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Councilman Brammer – yes, Councilman Carver – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Mayor Shoemaker – yes. This bill was assigned Ordinance Number 15-11.34.

Skid Loader Bids: Superintendent Ewigman requested that more research is done on the skid loader bids and that this matter be tabled until the next Council meeting.

At 7:13 pm Councilman Carver moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (2) Real Estate, and Paragraph (12) Contractual/Sealed Proposals and to include Jamie Stallo and Justin Griffin. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Brammer – yes, Councilman Carver – yes, Councilwoman Buck – yes, Mayor Shoemaker – yes.

Upon returning from executive session, with no further business, Councilman Carver moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Brammer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Josh Shoemaker, Mayor

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