

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
**February 16, 2026**

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on February 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Shelly Milford presiding. Council members present were Sallie Buck, Gary Carlson, Clarence Gibson, and Jacob Clay. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington, Water Superintendent Mikeal Thompson, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, Water Plant Operator Eric Thruman, and Lineman Anthony Witt. Others present: Jeff Vance, Ammon Taylor, Mary Ann Schmitt, Don Schmitt, Jason Weydert, Cameron Tusso and John Siecinski.

Mayor Shelly Milford led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Councilman Clay moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman presented the financial summary report. Councilman Clay moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATION:**

Jason Weydert, Weydert Insurance Services Inc: The City's health benefits agent informed the Council he has merged his company with INSURICA Direct, powered by Broker Source. He stated they will handle more of the back-office details and allow him to maintain the same level of service. He introduced Cameron Tusso with INSURICA who will be assisting him with the City's account. He stated open enrollment will be handled the same and the renewals will be shopped as they are every year.

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

City Clerk Update: City Clerk /ACM Krumpelman reported there are currently three (3) Request for Bids / Proposals (RFB/Ps) out – cemetery mowing, City Hall Roof project, and residential trash services. She informed the Council that ParksWork has reached their fundraising goal for a new playground structure in Walt Disney Park (South Park) and will be coming to the Council in the near future for next steps. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated she's received an email concerning the ARPA funding close out and has completed the record requests received. She concluded stating she will be attending the MoCCFOA Spring Institute and Master Academy March 8-12, 2026, and the March Council meeting was moved to Thursday, March 12, 2026.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that he was contacted about designated parking spaces for businesses. He stated currently Main Street USA is all public parking, and he is unsure how designated parking spaces would be enforced. The Council discussed the topic with a consensus to leave parking on Main Street USA as public parking. City Manager Wallis stated there was a 'Smoke Sesh' event that was advertised on Facebook that was shut down until it was determines if there were licensing requirements and/or regulations in regard to the product – THC-A. He stated he is working with legal counsel and the interested party about requirements / regulations. City Manager Wallis concluded stating staff are working with Allstate Consultants concerning applying for Clean Water State Revolving Funding (CWSRF) through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) for the new wastewater plant.

Mayor Milford inquired what position Gabi Finch was filling at the pool. City Manager Wallis responded that she will be a lifeguard. Councilwoman Buck inquired about the evidence item mentioned in the

Police Department's report. City Manager Wallis responded that they are completing an evidence inventory. Councilwoman Buck inquired about the AMI project. Water Superintendent Thompson responded that they have ten (10) meters left to identify and the AMI project kickoff meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Council Update: Councilwoman Buck inquired if any Council members plan on attending the Downtown Marceline event the following day. Mayor Milford, Councilman Clay, and Councilwoman Buck stated they were planning to attend the event.

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Mary Ann Schmitt stated she is the one who asked about parking on Main Street USA. She stated they are having an issue with their new neighbor taking up the parking spots in front of their building leaving no parking for their delivery van or customers. The Council discussed the topic, asking Mary Ann Schmitt if she's talked to the neighbor. She responded she has not. Electric Superintendent Harrington stated they are waiting on the phone company in order to move a pole behind their building for better parking in that area.

Ammon Taylor with Waste Management introduced himself, stating they would love to work with Marceline. He stated he is submitting a proposal in response to the RFP for residential trash services and shared information about the services they can offer.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Outdoor Warning System – Voice Capability Review and Council Direction: City Manager Wallis opened the discussion, stating that after evaluating the options, he is recommending the City move forward as is with the current agreement and not add voice capability. The Council discussed the topic and provided a consensus to move forward without changes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Public Comment Policy – Resolution 26-01: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated the Mayor requested an item be added to the February agenda to discuss implementing a policy concerning public comments. She informed the Council that the proposed public comment policy is based on policies implemented by other Missouri cities. The Council discussed the proposed policy with Councilwoman Buck expressing concern whether three (3) minutes was long enough. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated the policy allows a Council member to make a motion to extend the time for an additional three (3) minutes if they feel more time is needed. Councilman Gibson moved to approve Resolution No. 26-01 establishing a policy for public comment at City Council meetings. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Clay – aye.

Vertical Turbine Pump Replacement Project Bids: Water Superintendent Thompson stated that a wide range of bids were received for this project. He stated staff recommends the Council accept the bid from R & L Boone Construction which is the mid-bidder. Water Superintendent stated the two (2) lowest bidders did not bid the model requested in the specifications and feels engineering would be required to determine if those models would work in the water plant, adding additional costs and time to the project. He informed the Council the model requested in the specifications is the same model of what it is being replaced. The Council discussed the bids received and the information provided. Councilman Gibson moved to accept the bid from R & L Boone Construction Co. in the amount of \$74,500.00 for the vertical turbine pump replacement project. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Water Department Truck Bids: Water Superintendent Thompson stated staff is recommending the Council accept the bid from Cupp Chevrolet. He stated they are slightly above the lowest bid, but they are the local bidder. The Council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to accept the bid from

Cupp Chevrolet with options in the amount of \$43,360.00 for the new truck for the Water Department. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hay Lease Bids & Agreement – Bill No. 35-2606: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the City received a sole bid from Glenn Ewigman in the amount of \$28.80 per acre (\$1,468.80 annually) for the hay lease. She stated he held the prior lease. Councilwoman Buck moved to accept the sole bid from Glenn Ewigman in the amount of \$28.80 per acre (\$1,468.80 annually) for the hay lease. Councilman Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2606 authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between Glenn Ewigman and the City for the purpose of harvesting hay from portions of the New Reservoir, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Water Plant land, Old Ridgecrest Lagoon, and old City Dump as described in the lease agreement be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2606 twice by title only. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2606 be passed. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2606: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2606.

Water/Sewer Distribution Structure, Position Creation, and Budget Amendment – Bill No. 35-2607: City Manager Wallis stated this request to restructure the Water and Wastewater Department to create a distribution and collections crew came from City staff. He stated he liked the idea and was proud they came to him with it. Water Superintendent Thompson stated the City initially entered into an agreement with BB Boring due to having difficulty filling and maintaining personnel in similar positions, however, the City now has the personnel and is better able to maintain the plants and distribution systems. Water Superintendent Thompson stated they are proposing establishing a Distribution Foreman position and Eric Thurman be promoted to that position and to assign two (2) current Water Department employees to the Distribution and Collections crew and the wages for all three (3) employees be split between the Water and Sewer departments. Water Superintendent Thompson stated they do not want to terminate the BB Boring agreement, instead they would be the ones they use for big projects or emergencies. The Council discussed the topic, including cost savings and staffing levels. City Manager stated employees will still be cross-trained. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2607 to authorize amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the City to reallocate \$14,860.00 within the Sewer Department from contractual expenses to personnel expenses for the purpose of creating a Distribution and Collections Crew be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2607 twice by title only. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2607 be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2607: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2607.

State of Missouri Release and Budget Amendment – Bill No. 35-2608 & Bill No. 35-2609: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman explained that a hydrant was damaged during a traffic incident by a State of Missouri employee. She stated Bill No. 35-2608 authorizes the Council to sign the release for the incident and Bill No. 35-2609 allocates \$5,723.76 to be received from the State for the hydrant replacement. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2608 authorizing the execution of a release between the State of Missouri for the loss or damage that occurred on November 20, 2025, be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2608 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2608 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2608: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2608.

Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2609 to authorize amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the City to recognize \$5,723.76 to be received for the State of Missouri for a settlement by increasing the Water Department Miscellaneous Income by \$5,723.76 and increasing the Water Department Repairs and Maintenance – System expense line item by the same be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2609 twice by title only. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2609 be passed. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2609: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2609.

American Public Power Association (APPA) / NRECA Mutual Aid Agreement – Bill No. 35-2610: City Manager Wallis stated this was another great idea that came from staff. Lineman Anthony Witt stated this is a mutual aid agreement that will give us more access to help if the City experiences an incident and in return the City is saying we will send help to assist others. The Council discussed the topic. Electric Superintendent Harrington stated the City would only send two (2) and they would come back if the City experienced an incident. Lineman Witt stated the value of the on-hands training / experience the City's staff will receive with the program is immeasurable. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2610 authorizing the execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City and the American Public Power Association be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2610 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2610 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2610: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2610.

Mayor Milford stated she wanted to commend staff for bringing their ideas forth to City Manager Wallis. She stated that is what they want to see from staff.

Linn County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Resolution No. 26-02: City Manager Wallis stated the City participated in the Linn County Hazard Mitigation Plan update process and adoption of the plan preserves the City's eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding during the next five-year planning cycle. He noted that this is separate from participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Gibson moved to approve Resolution No. 26-02 adopting the Linn County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Recondition Transformer and Transformer Rental (NG Substation) – Bill No. 35-2611: City Manager Wallis stated a transformer at the Nature's Grace substation was found to have been damaged during an insurance inspection. He stated the transformer needs to be repaired and while it's being repaired, a rental transformer will be used in its place. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated this is part of an insurance claim, but if the claim is not paid out, there are reserve funds that can be utilized. Electric Lineman Witt stated the department is looking at getting a back-up to have on hand if something similar happens in the future. The Council discussed the topic. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman noted that legal counsel has advised before agreements are signed, it needs to be clarified whether the City or the Vendor covers the insurance of the unit while in transit. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2611 authorizing the reconditioning of a city-owned transformer and the temporary rental of a transformer at the Nature Grace Substation; authorizing agreements associated with said transformer between the City and T&R Electric be read twice by title only. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2611 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2611 be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2611: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilwoman

Buck – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Carlson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2611.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Application – Resolution No. 26-03: City Manager Wallis stated this is the application to the MO DNR CWSRF for funding for the sewer plant. He stated the application is due March 1, 2026. Councilman Gibson moved to approve Resolution No. 26-03 authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for financial assistance under the Missouri Clean Water Law (Chapter 644, RSMo). Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried,

At 6:45pm, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action and Paragraph (12) Contracts with guests. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Carlson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye.

With no further business, Councilman Clay moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk / ACM Lindsay Krumpelman  
Approved by Marceline City Council on March 12, 2026