

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
**April 8, 2026**

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on April 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Shelly Milford presiding. Council members present were Sallie Buck, Clarence Gibson, and Jacob Clay. Councilman Carlson was absent. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, and Wastewater Plant Operator Hunter Roden. Others present: Chris Ankeney, Richard Switzer, Jason Weydert, Cameron Tusso, Jerret Fisher, James “Boogie” Jenkins.

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. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

City Clerk Update: City Clerk /ACM Krumpelman stated that municipal election was on April 7, 2026 and Brian Baker was elected to fill the vacant Council seat. She inquired when the Council wanted to schedule a special meeting after the certified results are received early next week. The Council provided a consensus to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman inquired if any Council members would be interested in going to Pioneer to present a plaque to Councilman Carlson for his years of service. The Council members provided date / time options for the City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman to schedule a presentation. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman informed the Council that there will soon be three (3) open seats on the Planning Commission – Mark Lynes has resigned, Nathan Cook is moving, and Brian Baker was elected to the Council. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated a Board of Zoning Adjustment needs to be formed per legal counsel and will be included in her advertisement for board openings.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that the storm warning sirens are scheduled to be installed on April 16 – 18, 2026. He stated the Electric Plant building has significant brick issues and has received a proposal from BG Consultants, Inc to evaluate the building and provide plan options for the building for a cost of \$19,650. City Manager Wallis stated he is considering this an Emergency Purchase and is moving forward unless the Council objects. There were no objections. Councilwoman Buck inquired about the status of the storage unit for the Police Department. City Manager Wallis responded it is not purchased to date.

Council Update: Mayor Milford commended the Street Department Crew on their work on the culvert by Casey’s, stating it was much needed.

Organizational Updates: Downtown Marceline Secretary/Treasurer (DM S/T) Chris Ankeney informed the Council that Darian Huffmeier is inspecting their exterior brick of the Magnolia Building and will be providing a bid for repairs. She provided an update on the other repairs to the Magnolia Building. DM S/T Ankeney reported that eight (8) new planters are on Main Street to be filled before the Spring Festival on May 2, 2026. She informed them a cleanup day for downtown and Ripley Park will be scheduled in advance of the festival. She reported on their Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSA) activities, including attending MMSA’s Capital Days and on-site assessment. DM S/T Ankeney informed the Council she and IDA Executive Director Richard Switzer attended the Senate hearing to speak in favor of

the transient guest tax for the City. She reported they are hosting a Shop Hop for the month of April and will be sponsoring the Car Show at the Spring Festival. She stated they are working on Veteran Banners to be hung on display along Main Street USA and Ripely Park between Memorial Day and Veteran's day. DM S/T informed those present that Downtown Marceline Executive Director Lindsey Ewigman has written a children's book about Marceline and they will be available for sale at the Spring Festival and Walsworth generously donated 60 copies for the second graders at Marceline Elementary and Father McCartan schools. She concluded by thanking the City for their part in the two-page spread about Marceline in the new Hwy 36 magazine.

IDA Executive Director (IDA Ex Dir) Richard Switzer stated the childcare tax credit bill has passed the House and is now going to the Senate. He informed the Council he is part of a new group called Maximize Marceline bring Marceline groups and community members together to work towards a plan of action for the community. He reported that Small Business Counselor Bryce Cardwell met with seven (7) small businesses in the downtown district. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer reported on the Great Northwest Days event held on Feb 2-3, 2026. He informed those present that Jake Effler with the Missouri Department of Economic Development toured Moore Fans, Walsworth, and Nature's Grace on March 18, 2026. IDA Ex. Dir Switzer reported on the status of the St Francis Hospital aka Business Complex brownfield assessment. He stated Phase 1 was initiated in July 2025 and Phase 2 is to start on May 11, 2026 when six borings will be done to determine if contamination of the soil exists. After Phase 2 is complete an opinion on whether to renovate or demolish should be received. He stated once that direction is received, grants can be applied for with the assistance of an organization with Kansas State. He expects it will be two (2) or three (3) years before a decision can be made on building. IDA Ex. Dir. Switzer stated he will be asking IDA to consider conducting a housing study for Marceline.

**PRESENTATION – Employee, Health, Dental & Vision Insurance:**

Jason Weydert and Cameron Tusso presented the employee health, dental and vision insurance renewals and options. They recommended the Council approve the renewals for health (9.9%) and dental (4%), but to consider moving the vision and life insurance. Cameron Tusso reported he has a meeting tomorrow about consolidating the those products to Anthem which would lower premium cost for vision, but could also possible lower the health costs. Cameron Tusso stated a decision on the renewals needs to be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Council provided a consensus to discuss the topic at the special meeting next week.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ParksWork – Playground Design Proposal & Request: Jerret Fisher with ParksWork went over their design proposal, stating they are proposing a nature themed structure in same footprint as the current structure, but it will be taller. He stated they plan to include turf mounds, a few landscaping rocks and a metal goose put near the bench. The turf will be a padded turf under the structure. The Council and city staff discussed the design aspects including layout and concrete needs. Mayor Milford inquired on the timeline. Jerret Fisher responded the specific timeline for the structure is 15 to 20 weeks. Mayor Milford stated it be fall before the installation. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated the bidding process will add time to that timeline. City Attorney Cowherd responded that vendor may be a Soucewell vendor so the City may not have to advertise if it can be purchased through cooperative purchasing. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg inquired if the company will provide blueprints. Jerret Fisher responded that he believes so, but a project manager can be hired to guide the installation if needed. Councilwoman Buck commended Jerret Fisher and ParksWork, stating they did a great job on the project. Councilwoman Buck moved to accept the design proposal including goose. Councilman Clay second. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Services RFP – Bid Review and Recommendation: City Manager Wallis inquired if the Council had any questions on the information from RTS contained in the staff report. He stated he is recommending

the Council select RTS as the vendor. Mayor Milford inquired about how frequently the recycle trailer is emptied. Zach Krueger with RTS stated it would be weekly. Mayor Milford inquired about the process if it needs to be emptied more frequently. David Krueger stated there would be a charge if the frequency increased, but they would work with the City. The council discussed the topic. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the 5-year no curbside recycling option with \$0.50 increases in year four (4) and year five (5). Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Wine & Art Stroll Liquor License and Street Closure Requests: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman explained that the street closure is adding an additional closure of W Ritchie from Main Street USA to the alley and she cannot pre-approve their liquor license before they receive their state license. She stated last year that became an issue when the State did not act on their license until after July 1<sup>st</sup> and the event is in August. Chris Anekeny provided information on this year's event. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the liquor license pre-approval and the street closure requests of Main Street USA from California to Gracia and Ritchie Ave from Main Street USA to the alley for the Marceline Wine and Art Stroll on August 22, 2026. Councilman Gibson second the motion. The motion carried.

City Hall Foam Roof Coating Project Agreement – Bill No. 35-2616: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated the Council approved SRI Contractors as the successful bidders for the city hall roof project and Bill No. 35-2616 authorizes the agreement for the project. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2616 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between SRI Contractors, LLC and the City for the City Hall Foam Roof Coating Project be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2616 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2616 be passed. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2616: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2615.

Library Lease Agreement – Bill No. 35-2617: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman explained that the insurance coverage clause needs to be changed as the City cannot provide a separate entity coverage under our insurance carrier. She stated the Librarian has asked this topic be held until after the Library Board's meeting next week so they can discuss it. City Attorney Cowherd stated the Council can approve the Bill and just not sign the agreement until after the Library Board has met and discussed it. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2617 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Marceline Library District and the City for the renewal and extension of the Carnegie Library Building Lease be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2617 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2617 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2617: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2616.

Tyler Technologies – AMI Software – Bill No. 35-2618: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman went over the software and services proposal including the one-time fees of \$17,730 and annual fees of \$8,600. City Manager Wallis stated the AMI system will not work without the software to integrate it into the utility billing system. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2618 authorizing the Mayor to execute a quote and to amend the agreement between Tyler Technologies and the City for the purpose of adding software items and services associated with the AMI project be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2618 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2618 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2618: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2617.

Nature's Grace Substation Transformer – Replacement & Budget Amendment – Bill No 35-2619: City Manager Wallis informed the Council that when the damaged unit was evaluated off site it was found that it was in worse shape than originally thought and it will cost more to refurbish than to purchase the rental unit. He stated the Electric Department will be evaluating the rental transformer before the purchased is finalized. He went over the proposal stating, the cost of the rental unit is \$229,000 less a \$15,000 credit for the damaged unit for a total cost of \$214,000. He stated the City will receive a credit for the rental cost as well. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated the City is waiting to hear a final determination from MIRMA on coverage, and if it is covered those funds would replenish the reserves utilized for the purchase minus the deductible. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2619 amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the City of Marceline to utilize \$214,000 from the Electric CIP account and allocate those funds to the Electric Department Capital Expenses for the replacement transformer for the Nature's Grace substation be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2619 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2619 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2619: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2618.

Proposed Legislative Code Updates – Bill No. 26-04-003, Bill No. 26-04-004, Bill No. 26-04-005, Bill No. 26-04-006, and Bill No. 26-04-007: Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 26-04-003, Bill No. 26-04-004, Bill No. 26-04-005, Bill No. 26-04-006, and Bill No. 26-04-007 be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 26-04-003, Bill No. 26-04-004, Bill No. 26-04-005, Bill No. 26-04-006, and Bill No. 26-04-007 twice by title only.

Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 26-04-003 repealing and replacing Section 210.750 concerning interference with a first responder be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 26-04-003: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 26-04.03.

Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 26-04-004 to add Section 340.280 concerning prohibiting stunt driving be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 26-04-004: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 26-04.04.

Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 26-04-005 to add Section 615.160 concerning not charging a license tax upon any enterprise owned by a person aged eighteen years or younger be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 26-04-005: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 26-04.05.

Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 26-04-006 to amend Section 210.560 (B) concerning fireworks be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 26-04-006: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 26-04.06.

Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 26-04-007 to amend Section 340.160 concerning manner of operation of motor vehicle be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 26-04-007: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 26-04.07.

At 6:58 pm, Councilwoman Buck moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action, Paragraph (2) Real Estate, and Paragraph (12) Contracts. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Clay – aye.

With no further business, Councilman Clay moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk / ACM Lindsay Krumpelman  
Approved by Marceline City Council on May 13, 2026