

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL June 17, 2026

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on June 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Shelly Milford presiding. Council members present were Brian Baker, Sallie Buck, Clarence Gibson, and Jacob Clay. Staff attending: City Attorney Robert Cowherd, City Manager Jesse Wallis, and City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, Electric Lineman Anthony Witt, and Pool Manager Carol Logue. Others present: Doretta Harrison, John Gillum, CPA, David Kruger, Donna Moore, Jeff Vance and, James “Boogie” Jenkins.

Mayor Milford led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Milford called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Councilman Clay moved to amend the agenda to remove the liquor license request item. 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 Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman presented the financial summary report. Councilman Gibson moved to approve the financials as presented. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

FY 24-25 Audit, John Gillum, Auditor: Auditor John Gillum presented the FY 24-25 audited financials to the Council. He went over the governmental and business type activities. He stated there was a total net position change of an increase of \$337,375.00. He stated the City has met all their debt obligations and the City had a good year and funded projects as needed. He concluded, stating he appreciates the opportunity to work with the City. He continued, stating the books and records are in good order and they received good cooperation from city staff. Councilwoman Buck moved to accept the audit report as presented. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman reported she and Wastewater Superintendent Griffin have been working on the BRIC grant application. She stated she sent out liquor license renewals as the current licenses expire on June 30, 2026. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated she expects to distribute Budget Request Sheets by the end of the month to department superintendents. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman reported that the premium expense for MIRMA is approximately \$36,000 less than last year. She stated they received a request to allow foster kids to swim for free since the last meeting. She stated staff discussed the topic, but with the pool being a year-round pool and revenue concerns, staff declined to offer a similar program this year. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman reported on the new banners on Main Street USA provided by Downtown Marceline. She inquired if the Council would be open to declaring the old banners as surplus and set aside one (1) week for people to come purchase and sell them for \$5.00. The Council provided a consensus they would be agreeable. She concluded, stating she will be reviewing draft agreements to move city tax collection to County.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis stated things are going really well and that we have a very competent staff. He reported two (2) new employees were recently hired. Andy McCampbell has come back full-time at the Water Plant and Tanner Tush began working in the Water / Wastewater Distribution. City Manager Wallis stated he had asked the Department Heads to use one day per month to assist in cleaning up the old hospital. He stated he plans to close City Hall on June 26th for the clean-up. He stated the plan is to do this one day each month. The Council stated they want City Hall to stay open due to how close the clean-up day is to shut-off day. Mayor Milford inquired about the status of the lock on the pool's fence gate. Pool Manager Logue responded that the locksmith had been unavailable due to a health issue and is currently

working through their backlog. Mayor Milford commented that the recent outages were caused by branches and a squirrel.

Council Update: Councilman Clay reported he attended the Main Street Connection Conference with Downtown Marceline Executive Director Lindsey Ewigman. He stated it was a good two (2) days of networking. He stated he recently attended an Economic Vitality meeting for Downtown Marceline and toured two (2) of the Scott buildings. He reported Downtown Marceline is helping her with those buildings. Councilman Clay stated the Historic Preservation Commission did not have a quorum for their meeting and it is rescheduled for July. Councilman Baker commended city staff for their efforts as we approach America's 250th Birthday. He stated he liked the banners. Mayor Milford stated she wanted to echo City Manager Wallis' comments, stating we have tremendous employees working for the City. She stated the East Ballfield looks fantastic and she appreciates all those involved in making that a reality.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Donna Moore informed City Manager Wallis that if the City needs help in cleaning the hospital, there would be many who would volunteer to help. Donna Moore inquired if anything could be done to analyze what Nature's Grace is releasing into the air. She stated supposedly MoDNR can check do a test. She stated she is worried about the kids in the community and does not want the City to be known for the smell. City Manager Wallis and Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin confirmed MoDNR can. It detects particles and chemicals in the air. City Attorney Cowherd stated the City can ask Nature's Grace about it as well and what they are doing to prevent and/or limit the smell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Manager Employment Agreement – Bill No. 35-2627: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman and City Manager Wallis went over the changes in the agreement. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2627 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between Jesse Wallis and the City for the purpose of employing Jesse Wallis as City Manager be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2627 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2627 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2627: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Baker – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2626.

RTS Residential Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement: David Kruger with RTS stated he believes there were misunderstandings with the agreement, with the biggest question being the 10% retainage fee. He stated the 10% retainage fee should be added on top of his bid not taken from his bid. He stated even with the 10% retainage fee added on top of his bid, it is still less than the other bidder. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Baker moved to amend Exhibit A of the agreement with RTS. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. David Kruger thanked the Council for their consideration and agreement.

FY 2026-2027 Pool Winter Season (Friends of the Pool): City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman went over the pool winter season criteria formula. She stated based on the formula, the City is asking the Friends of the Pool to commit to \$37,810.57 for the FY 26-27 winter season. Donna Moore inquired if they get credit for any profit the pool makes. Mayor Milford stated they can look over the formula for the FY 27-28 winter season at a later date. Pool Manager Logue stated the Friends of the Pool have helped out and repainted the little slide this year. Mayor Milford stated she really appreciates what the Friends of the Pool are trying to accomplish. Donna Moore stated the best thing we have done is the water safety classes for the second graders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License Request: (Removed)

Nature's Grace Substation Transformer – Third Party Inspection & Testing: City Manager Wallis stated city staff is interested in getting more testing done on the rental transformer before the final purchase is made. Electric Lineman Anthony Witt stated it was really convenient that the transformer was available and it looks to be in good shape. He reported they are recommending to do more testing on the internal components of the transformer and SD Meyers can do that testing including additional oil samples. City Manager Wallis stated this additional testing will be at the City's cost and not part of the insurance claim. City Manager Wallis reported the cost is approximately \$25,000.00 and if the testing comes back negative, the City will not purchase the transformer. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Baker moved to approve the proposal from SD Meyers in the amount of \$24,740.00. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special Events Risk Management & Insurance Requirements Policy Discussion: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated this is a draft policy to manage the City's risk concerning special events and is still under review by MIRMA. She stated she has also received feedback from legal counsel that needs to be reviewed. City Clerk / ACM stated the question today is if the Council wants to proceed with developing a policy. Councilman Baker stated he wants to manage risk but not set up an unnecessary burden for residents to utilize the basic facilities for community fellowship. The Council provided a consensus to bring a revised policy back after further review by MIRMA and legal counsel.

Employee Vacation Leave and Sick Leave Policy Review: Mayor Milford stated she requested this item be added to the agenda. She stated she wants the Council to understand what the City's policies are not to take something away. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman went over the vacation and sick leave policy stating there is currently only one employee that has a vacation leave extension. Mayor Milford inquired about whether they can have a provision that to receive vacation and sick leave payout, they must provide two weeks notice. Councilman Gibson stated he would like to consider a cash payout of vacation instead of use or lose. Mayor Milford stated she may consider a payout if would be a portion, not the whole balance. City Attorney Cowherd stated the point of a use or lose policy in addition to preventing employee burnout, is to catch embezzlement for ones dealing with money. The Council discussed a PTO system in lieu of the current system. Mayor Milford stated she wants to take into consideration what the employees want, but the needs of the City has to be considered as this is a liability. Council requested the topic be brought back in a few months to review after staff can research other cities' policies.

BNSF Release and Settlement Agreement & Budget Amendment – Bill No. 35-2628 and Bill No. 2629: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman and City Manager Wallis went over the incident and costs to the City with the Council, stating this is required for BNSF to reimburse said costs. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2628 to authorize the Mayor to execute a release and settlement agreement between the City and BNSF Railway Company for the loss or damage that occurred on March 24, 2026 be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2628 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2628 be passed. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2628: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2627.

Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2629 to amend the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the City to recognize \$14,107.18 to be received from BNSF Railway Company for a settlement by increasing the Electric Department Miscellaneous Income by \$14,107.18 and increasing the Electric 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. 35-2629 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2629 be passed. Councilwoman Buck

seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2629: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilman Clay – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2628.

BRIC Grant Application Authorization – Resolution No. 26-04: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated part of the application process is to supply a letter from the City. Resolution No. 26-04 provides the formal authorization for City Manager Jesse Wallis to submit application. Councilman Baker moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-04. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Floodplain Ordinance Requirements: City Manager Wallis stated that he has reached out to SEMA on which floodplain ordinance to adopt. He stated once we have that from SEMA this will be brought back for Council action.

Mayor Milford stated she spoke with our elected officials this week and reminded them that our transient bed tax did not pass this year and we would be calling on them next year.

At 6:56 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action and Paragraph (12) Contracts. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye.

Upon returning from Executive Session, with no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk / ACM Lindsay Krumpelman
Approved by Marceline City Council on July 8, 2026