

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL August 20, 2026

The Marceline City Council met in regular session on August 20, 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, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Lindsay Krumpelman, Street Superintendent Adam Lichtenberg, Water Superintendent Mikeal Thompson, Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin, Police Chief John Wright, Pool Manager Carol Logue, and Distribution Foreman Eric Thurman. Others present: Kerry Freeman, Richard Switzer, Tyler Shoemaker, Dorretta Harrison, John Moore, Dave Tavres, Jerret Fisher, 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 approve the agenda. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Councilman Baker moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Gibson 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 Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Dave Tavres – Walt Statue Project: Dave Tavres presented his proposal for a statue of Walt Disney to be placed in town. He stated he is requesting a preliminary yes from the Council that they are open to accepting the statue as a gift. He stated if they provide that, he will further explore the project and come back with answers to their questions in September and request a letter of support from the Council. He stated the proposed location for the statue is either the current center fountain or where the gazebo was in Ripley Park. Mayor Milford stated she has concerns about the legality of a Walt Disney statue and asked how much research has been done. Dave Tavres responded he first wanted to get the City’s opinion on the possibility of a statue before spending funds for a legal opinion. City Attorney Robert Cowherd inquired if he had made an inquiry with Disney yet. Dave Tavres responded he has not yet. City Attorney Cowherd stated he should talk to Disney first. The Council discussed the proposed locations with Dave Tavres. Mayor Milford requested alternate sites when he comes back in September.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

City Clerk Update: City Clerk /ACM Krumpelman reported she attended the required MIRMA Annual Conference in July. She stated that six (6) of the nine (9) properties that were sold at the 2025 Tax Sale have been redeemed and another is a possible redemption. She informed the Council that the County has sent a notification that they will not be having their tax sale on Monday due to a clerical error with the newspaper, but the City will still conduct ours. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman concluded stating she is working on budget preparation. Mayor Milford inquired on how many properties were on this year’s tax sale. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman responded there are eight (8), but staff anticipates the taxes being paid for two (2) of them prior to the sale.

City Manager Update: City Manager Wallis reported the clean-up efforts on Friday at St. Francis Hospital (aka Business Complex) went well. He thanked Street Superintendent Lichtenberg for spearheading the effort. He stated he plans to continue to have one (1) work day per month at the hospital. He reported he attended a power conference with NextEra this week and was able to connect with NextEra personnel and the MPUA President. City Manager Wallis stated he let them know that we plan to explore all our options. He informed the Council there was a lightning strike at the Nature’s Grace substation over the weekend. He stated they are having the substation evaluated and have submitted a claim with MIRMA.

Mayor Milford inquired if there was an agreement with the construction company that is parking at the hospital. City Manager Wallis responded he provided them verbal permission to park there.

Council Update: Councilman Gibson said everything looks good around town and the employees are doing a good job. Councilman Clay stated he heard several people mention how well Marceline looks and how nice our people are while he attended the D-23 event in California. Mayor Milford gave her compliments to the staff, stating they do great work. She stated the East Ballfield looks tremendous and is a huge improvement to the City. She thanked all those who donated towards the project. She concluded, stating the hospital looks great.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: Kerry Freeman spoke on his concerns concerning hunting blinds at the New Reservoir. He said he has a blind and there is a new one that faces his blind approximately 120 yards away. He stated that blinds should be required to be further apart. Mayor Milford inquired how blinds are put out there. Councilwoman Buck moved to extend the time for Kerry Freeman. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kerry Freeman went over the City Ordinance. Street Superintendent Lichtenberg stated typically hunters work together on those issues. The Council discussed the topic, including the possibility to not allow hunting. City Attorney Cowherd stated the City will need to look at what the funding sources for the reservoir were and what requirements were attached. Mayor Milford requested the City Clerk/ACM do research on the regulations concerning hunting. Kerry Freeman confirmed he has not spoken to the other individual about the location of their blind. Councilman Baker moved to postpone the topic to the September meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Richard Switzer provided the agenda for the Upstate MO Joint Meeting to be held in Marceline on September 3, 2026. He stated the agenda include topics such as data centers, a utilities panel and public relations. He stated it is a great opportunity to hear from the experts and he is inviting the County Commissioners to attend as well. Mayor Milford asked the Council to let the City Clerk / ACM know if they plan to attend by August 28, 2026.

Police Chief John Wright stated the Police Department wants to reward positive behavior. He stated Officer Meagher has proposed a program to give out little coupons for one free dusty miller to kids officers observe doing good deeds and/or showing good behavior. Police Chief Wright stated the coupons are \$2.00 each and they would limit the number of coupons to be given out per month. The Council were in favor of the idea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ParksWork – Playground Request: Jerret Fisher with ParksWork informed the Council they want to replace the swing set and add monkey bars to the playground with additional funds they have received. He informed the Council the other feature they wanted was denied by the Recreation and Parks Board so they will work out another layout and go back to them before coming back to Council. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman stated that the new playground equipment will need to meet certain standards per MIRMA. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Clay moved to approve the monkey bar and swing set donation from ParksWork. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. Jerret Fisher requested the City crews help assemble and install the playground equipment. Superintendent Lichtenberg stated they would be able to do that. The motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus – Street Banners & Benches – Bill No. 35-2634: City Clerk /ACM Krumpelman stated that Downtown Marceline has replaced the banners and are in process of replacing the benches along Main Street USA. She stated staff is recommending the replaced banners and benches be declared surplus. She stated the banners can be sold at a set rate to the public during Homecoming weekend and the benches could be sold by silent bid and/or auction such as PurpleWave. Richard Switzer suggested with Marceline's connection to Disney the City may receive more if the banners are sold via online auction individually. The Council discussed the topic. The Council recommended doing the online auction for the banners and for staff determine the best avenue for the benches. City Clerk/ACM stated it may be a while before an online auction

can be organized. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2634 to declare identified city-owned equipment as surplus be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2634 twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck moved that Bill No. 35-2634 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2634: Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2633.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License Requests – Fatima Properties, LLC (1510 N Missouri Ave): City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated Fatima Properties, LLC has submitted their Liquor License application for Original Package Liquor and Sunday Sales for the new 7th Heaven convenience store at 1510 N Missouri Avenue. She stated they included a copy of their State liquor licenses with their application. Councilman Gibson moved to approve the liquor license applications for Original Package Liquor and Sunday Sales for the Fatima Properties, LLC. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pool Fees Schedule (Lounge Chair Fee) – Resolution No. 26-05: City Manager Wallis stated this resolution removes the \$5.00 lounge rental fee. Councilman Clay moved to approve Resolution No. 26-05 to adopt the Fee Schedule for the Marceline Municipal Swimming Pool. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rezone (R-1 to M) and Nonconforming Use Permit Requests – (208, 218 and 226 E Booker) – Bill No. 35-2635: Mayor Milford introduced the topic. City Manager Wallis stated this is similar to the ones submitted at the July meeting. He stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezone and vacate requests. City Manager Wallis stated the City will maintain an easement with the street vacate. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2635 to rezone certain property from “R-1” General Low Density Residential District to “M” Manufacturing District be read twice by title only. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2635 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2635 be passed. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2635: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, and Councilwoman Buck – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2634.

Vacate Street Request – One Moore LLC (212 & 219 E Curits) – Bill No. 35-2636: Mayor Milford introduced the topic. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2636 to vacate a part of the 200 block of E. Curtis beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 15 of Block 58 in Original Town of Marceline, Now City of Marceline, Linn County, Missouri thence West to the Northwest corner of Lot 11 of Block 58 in Original Town of Marceline, now City of Marceline, Linn County, Missouri providing reservation for a utility easement and effective date be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2636 twice by title only. Councilman Clay moved that Bill No. 35-2636 be passed. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2636: Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, and Councilman Gibson – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2635.

Water Plant SCADA Update Phase 2 (Sole Source): Water Superintendent Thompson stated this is the second part of a three (3) phase plan for the SCADA system and entails the modernization of the breaker panel. He said Phase 3 will be discussed during the budget process. Councilman Gibson inquired if they will still be able run in manual mode. Water Superintendent Thompson replied in the affirmative. Councilwoman Buck moved to approve the proposal from Hillfab, LLC in the amount of \$19,626.00. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Wastewater Voluntary Enforcement: Wastewater Superintendent Justin Griffin informed the Council that voluntary enforcement opens up the timeline to address a new sewer plant and inflow and infiltration issues as it would be milestones instead of a deadline to meet the compliance requirements. He stated they currently have a five (5) year deadline for the sewer plant. City Manager Wallis stated if the City does not meet that five (5) year deadline, the City will be under enforcement. By going into voluntary enforcement now it puts the City and MoDNR on the same team and same page. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Baker moved to authorize the City Manager and the Wastewater Department to submit a Letter of Intent to enter into negotiations for voluntary enforcement with MoDNR. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ratify Equipment Rental Agreement (Bucket Truck) – Bill No. 35-2637: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated this bill ratifies the rental agreement she signed in the City Manager's absence to rent a bucket truck while city staff determines if one of their bucket trucks needs to be repaired or replaced. She stated at this time the rental is within the City Manager's purchasing authority, but it could go over depending how long the City requires the unit. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2637 to ratify the equipment rental agreement between Global Rental Co., Inc. and the City of Marceline for the purpose of renting a bucket truck be read twice by title only. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2637 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2637 be passed. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2637: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2636.

Natural Gas Agreement Renewal (BlueMark Energy) – Bill No. 35-2638: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman stated this is to renew the natural gas agreement with BlueMark Energy for the pool. The Council discussed the topic. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2638 to authorize the Mayor to renew the Natural Gas Sales Agreement between the City and Bluemark Energy, LLC for the large volume purchase of Natural Gas for the Marceline Municipal Swimming Pool be read twice by title only. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2638 twice by title only. Councilman Gibson moved that Bill No. 35-2638 be passed. Councilman Baker seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion to pass Bill No. 35-2638: Councilman Gibson – aye, Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2637.

Conflict of Interest Resolution – Res No. 26-06: City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman explained the City is required to re-adopt their Conflict of Interest Ordinance every two (2) years by the Missouri Ethics Commission at minimum. She stated if they do not, those required to file financial disclosures would be required to fill out the long form instead of the short form. Councilman Baker moved to approve Resolution Number 26-06. Councilman Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2026 Tax Levy – Bill No. 35-2639: City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the public hearing on the tax levy was held on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 10:00 am. She stated city staff were the only attendees and that no public comments were received. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman informed the assembly that the General Fund levy increased to \$0.5281 per \$100 assessed valuation and the Library Fund levy remained unchanged at \$0.2492 per \$100 assessed valuation. She stated the Debt Service Fund levy increased slightly from \$0.2553 per \$100 assessed valuation. Mayor Milford stated there needs to be a correction to the Public Hearing minutes. City Clerk/ACM Krumpelman responded she will make the correction. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2639 to set the 2026 tax levy be read twice by title only. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman read Bill No. 35-2639 twice by title only. Councilman Baker moved that Bill No. 35-2639 be approved. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion

to pass Bill No. 35-2639: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Mayor Milford – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Councilman Clay – aye. This Bill is assigned Ordinance Number 35.2638.

At 6:41 pm, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Paragraph (1) Legal Action, Paragraph (3) Personnel, and Paragraph (12) Contracts. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The following roll call vote carried the motion: Councilman Baker – aye, Councilwoman Buck – aye, Councilman Clay – aye, Councilman Gibson – aye, and Mayor Milford – aye.

Upon returning from Executive Session at 6:57 pm, the Council discussed the statues at the St Francis Hospital / Business Complex. City Attorney Robert Cowherd stated the City cannot give them away to anyone. City Manager Wallis stated he wants to do more to clean up the building and grounds.

With no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk / ACM Lindsay Krumpelman
Approved by Marceline City Council on September 9, 2026