

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARCELINE CITY COUNCIL  
September 29, 2026

The Marceline City Council met in special session on September 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Marceline City Hall, Mayor Shelly Milford presiding. Council members present were Brian Baker, Clarence Gibson and Jacob Clay. Councilwoman Sallie Buck was absent. Staff attending: 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, Fire Chief Brian Chrisman, Electric Superintendent Charlie Harrington, and Pool Manager Carol Logue. Others Present: Amanda Johnson, Recreation and Parks Board President, Richard Switzer, IDA Ex. Director, and Downtown Marceline Ex. Director Lindsey Ewigman.

Mayor Milford led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Councilman Clay moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**FY 26-27 Budget Work Session:** City Manager Jesse Wallis opened the budget work session by explaining the methods used to develop the draft budget. He stated a 10% utility rate increase is included in the Water and Wastewater Funds based on a recommendation from Carl Brown who is doing the utility rate study for those funds. It is less than what is estimated to be the recommended increase once the study is completed. City Manager Wallis stated there is not a base rate increase for Electric yet, but is something the Council should discuss as the City did a lower than recommended increase for FY 25-26. He informed the Council that some topics of discussion to decrease the current deficit in the budget include: financing major equipment, use CIP reserves for eligible projects and to reduce city operations and/or repairs.

Mayor Milford invited representatives from Downtown Marceline, IDA, and the Recreation and Parks Board, to speak on their requests. Downtown Marceline Executive Director Lindsey Ewigman went over their request with the Council and what they are currently working on to improve downtown. She stated they raise 80% of their funds. Mayor Milford inquired if there was anything Downtown Marceline and Missouri Main Street Connection can do to help with concerning the transient (hotel) tax. DM Ex. Director Ewigman stated she would inquire what assistance they could offer. IDA Executive Director Richard Switzer spoke to the Council about their request and their use of the funds. He stated they should have the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Brownfield report in October. Recreation and Parks Board President Amanda Johnson thanked the Council and City Staff for their contribution to the East Ballfield improvements, stating they are very happy with the result. She stated their main request is for lighting for the field south of the pool. There was discussion on what grants may be available. Rec & Parks Board President Johnson inquired if they could apply for grants. The Council responded they Board can, but they have to get permission from Council to apply. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman confirmed with Rec & Parks Board President Johnson that their request is for \$10,000 towards the lighting project at the field south of the pool.

City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman presented a recommendation to the Council to transfer \$300,000 to Electric Reserves based on the pooled cash fund balances following the FY 24-25 audit that was presented in June and an evaluation of the City's monthly expenses in the last year. She stated the funds would be able to be utilized toward capital improvement projects once the system(s) are evaluated or for a major repair. The Council provided a consensus to make the transfer. City Clerk / ACM Krumpelman informed the Council the budget contains a 3.6% COLA increase to match the Consumer Price Index of Wage Earners (Midwest region) for July and a \$0.75 merit increase with no changes to the HSA. Discussion began on the General Fund Revenues and General Fund Expenses. Mayor Milford recommended staff take a look at the ERP software for the City in the future. The Council discussed the requests received from the Recreation and Park Board, Downtown Marceline. Adjustments were made to the budget during the discussion.

City Manager Wallis went through the utility funds with the Council. The Council discussed the needs of the departments. The Council discussed the recommended rate increase for water and wastewater utilities and an increase to the base rate for the electric utility. During the discussion a \$5.00 base rate for the electric was added

to the proposed budget. The Council and city staff continued to discuss the utility funds' proposed budgets and made adjustments that included the use of reserve funds and financing equipment.

With no further business, Councilman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Recorded by City Clerk / ACM Lindsay Krumpelman  
Approved by Marceline City Council on October 14, 2026