

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 65340, with the following members present: Mayor Dewey Hendrix; Council Members Leon Thompson, Tim Reeder, Drew Green, Robert Ashford, Charles Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Dan Brandt and Steve Cook; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Josh Taylor and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

Council Member Reeder made a motion, seconded by Craig Thompson, to adopt the agenda as written. A roll call vote was taken with Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green, Ashford and Guthrey voting aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Reeder, to approve the Regular Session minutes of August 15, 2022. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green, Ashford, Guthrey and Craig Thompson voting aye. Motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sam Moten, resident of 400 block of east Vest, spoke to the Council regarding several properties that need to be mowed. He listed the properties and asked what the City is going to do.

Council Member Reeder indicated the property owner is responsible and ordinances need to be enforced strictly.

Council Member Green said the citation process is lengthy.

Council Member Ashford said one of the properties may be city owned.

City Administrator JD Kehrman said he will look into the issue and see if citations have been issued.

Sandy Moten, resident of 400 block of east Vest, said a sidewalk is needed. There is the only block without sidewalk and a lot of people walk in the area.

Council Member Green indicated there is a need for sidewalk.

City Administrator Kehrman said he has been looking into that area in relation to sidewalk construction.

Michael Vollmer spoke to the Council regarding the homeless situation in Marshall. He indicated that he had created a petition and gathered over 100 signatures in hope of saving the old Fitzgibbon Hospital Building from demolition. He feels the building could be used as a

homeless shelter. He said Marshall does have a really bad drug problem and that needs to be addressed as well.

Council Member Guthrey said that Missouri Valley Community Action Agency is working on grant funding in relation to a homeless shelter.

Council Member Green said it is too late for the Fitzgibbon Building. He would like to talk with Mr. Vollmer after the meeting regarding his concerns.

Carol Wolfe, resident of Viking Lane, spoke to the Council regarding the proposed changes to the residential sanitation service. She is not in favor of the proposed 96 gallon can. The can is too large for older people and cannot be stored in single car garages.

Council Member Brandt said the proposal to privatize the service was not liked. Due to labor issues, the City has begun the automation process.

Charles Avilez, 807 Mitchell, spoke to the Council regarding the automation process and indicated the rolling containers can be difficult to utilize, especially across grass or snow.

Council Member Reeder said 64 and 48 gallon cans are being investigated.

Mr. Avilez expressed his concerns regarding the potential cost increase to citizens and the cost to the City for the purchase the cans.

Council Member Reeder spoke about the proposed increase in user fees.

Council Member Green said they are trying to meet the need of the masses not individuals. They are working to consider all aspects.

Council Member Ashford said he feels the City is operating on a lack of a plan, costs are unknown. He feels the Council should take bids to outsource the service.

Council Member Green said not everyone agrees but did decide to move forward to make this work. It is not on the table to outsource; there was a pretty good outcry not to outsource.

Jill Mitchell, resident of North Brunswick, asked if yard waste services will be reinstated. She is grateful for the curbside grass and leaf pick up but is unable to get the brush to the compost area.

Council Member Brandt said they are not sure yet and will be discussing at an upcoming Municipal Services Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt reported Municipal Services hours have gone back to the regular schedule beginning at 7 a.m. and residential trash pick up will be delayed by one day this week due to Labor Day.

The Storm Water Tip directs residents to periodically clean out your downspouts to remove debris and leaves. This will not only help to prevent them from clogging up, it will help to protect our storm drainage system and ultimately the stream.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Leon Thompson reported the Budget Committee met this week. The City Administrator and Finance Director are working with Department Heads to pare down the budget and get it into a balanced position. Committee will meet again this week and hopes to get a draft to Council soon.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Ashford reported a total of 15 nuisance violations during the month of August.

During the month of August, 39 building permits were issued with a total construction value of \$570,162.

The Board of Building Code Enforcement will conduct hearings on September 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Reeder reported the Fire Department responded to 61 incidents during August with 19 of those being medical assist, 6 auto accidents and 5 service calls. A total of 5 burn permits were issued and 2 industrial inspections were completed.

The Fire Department responded to the Marshall High School on August 5th and hosed down the Band Camp kids.

Bud's Café had another successful block party.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman reported on the following:

- Six cart tippers will be purchased
- Assembly and distribution of sanitation carts will be done by ContainerPro
- Budget development is ongoing
- Looking into fleet financing for future patrol car replacements
- Municipal Services Committee will meet with a member of the Budget Committee
- Insurance Carrier has authorized payment of claim for the Airport Terminal roof that was damaged during a storm.

- Met with the developer of the proposed walking trail located at the Hab Center.
- Will review a demonstration of online CDL training for drivers

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report by Mayor Hendrix.

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP

BID FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL AT CITY OFFICE BUILDING:

Mayor Hendrix presented the bid of ProTrim in the amount of \$5,800 for removal of trees and bushes and tree trimming at the City Office Building located at 214 N. Lafayette.

Council Member Green asked if all bidders were provided the same specifications. Mayor Hendrix said all bidders were provided the same specifications by Assistant City Clerk Diane Green.

Council Member Reeder made a motion, seconded by Ashford to accept and approve the bid of ProTrim in the amount of \$5,800. A roll call vote was taken with Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson and Brandt voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE OF ARMOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CART TIPPERS FOR USE BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT" was read by title only.

Council Member Leon Thompson said, from an operational standpoint, that the City does not have this nailed down yet. Money is being spent, and we are close but not there yet. He would like to slow this down a bit before more money is spent.

Council Member Green said we are going this way because we can do more work with less equipment and personnel.

Council Member Green discussed the proposed purchases and the budget impact. He feels the City does have a plan that has been discussed quite a bit.

Council Members discussed the proposed purchase of carts and cart tippers; staffing and potential fee increases.

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Guthrey, to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Reeder, Green, Guthrey, Craig Thompson and Brandt voting aye; Leon Thompson, Ashford and Cook voting nay. The resolution is thereupon declared passed and so

endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Resolution No. 2022-9.

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE OF CONTAINERPROS, LLC FOR THE ASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY OF TRASH CONTAINERS” was read by title only.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Reeder, to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Reeder, Green, Guthrey, Craig Thompson and Brandt voting aye; Ashford, Cook and Leon Thompson voting nay. The resolution is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Resolution No. 2022-10.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND THE MISSOURI STATE CORN HUSKING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE LEASE FOR FARMING PURPOSES OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNED BY THE CITY” was given its first reading by title only.

Municipal Services Director Bill Anderson explained the agricultural land is located on the east side of the fairgrounds by the airport. Corn Husking has been using the land for many years.

Council Member Reeder made a motion, seconded by Green, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson and Reeder voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8697 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND THE MISSOURI STATE CORN HUSKING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE LEASE FOR FARMING PURPOSES OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNED BY THE CITY” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Reeder, seconded by Green. A roll call vote was taken with Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder and Green voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND CCR ROOFING SERVICES, LLC, FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Reeder made a motion, seconded by Green, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green and Ashford voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8698 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND CCR ROOFING SERVICES, LLC, FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Reeder, seconded by Green. A roll call vote was taken with Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green, Ashford and Guthrey voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY’S BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Reeder to take the ordinance to a second reading.

Council Member Leon Thompson said there is no need to have a second reading this evening, this will give everyone time to review.

Council Member Green withdrew his motion; Council Member Reeder withdrew his second.

Council Members discussed the Board of Public Works proposed budget.

Mayor Hendrix inquired about the budget for employee salaries and benefits.

MMU Controller Tony Bersano explained the employee salaries and benefits are split between departments and grouped in statement operations.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Ashford, to approve the first reading of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green, Ashford, Guthrey and Craig Thompson voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrix thanked Mr. Bergstrom and Mr. Bersano.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OUT OF THE DIFFERENT CITY FUNDS” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Ashford made a motion, seconded by Green, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Leon Thompson, Reeder, Green, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt and Cook voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance NO. 8699 entitled “AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OUT OF THE DIFFERENT CITY FUNDS” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Leon Thompson,

seconded by Green. A roll call vote was taken with Reeder, Green, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook and Leon Thompson voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Member Green commented he is appreciative of the communication between Council Members.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Reeder made a motion, seconded by Ashford, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Ashford, Guthrey, Craig Thompson, Brandt, Cook, Leon Thompson and Reeder voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk