

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 1, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 65340, with the following members present: Mayor Craig Thompson; Council Members Drew Green, Jim Papreck, Jeremy Gibson, John Allen, Nathan Swisher, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to adopt the agenda as written. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to approve the Work Session Minutes of June 12, 2025 and Regular Session Minutes of June 17, 2025. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Simmons gave the Inspection Report for the month of May:

Building Permits – 19	Mechanical Permits - 1
Electrical Permits - 1	Plumbing Permits – 3

Total Project Costs - \$1,297,790.00

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Rachel Hayworth, Executive Director of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, provided an update to the Council regarding upcoming events and new members.

Police Chief Mike Donnell reminded citizens that fireworks are legal on July 4th between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. The Municipal Band will perform at Indian Foothills park in front of the pool, which is a new location for the band. The fireworks display will start at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Council Member Swisher gave the Fire Department report for the month of June:

Fires – 2	Rescue/Emergency Medical Calls – 16
Hazardous Condition/No Fire – 3	Service Calls – 7
Good Intent Calls – 3	False Alarm Calls – 9
Total – 40	

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Green gave the following Stormwater Tip:

Wash your car at a carwash to prevent dirty wash water from entering our streams and rivers. Where stormwater flows, everything goes!

Council Member Brandt asked Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine to provide an update on the street program.

Director Cornine said the mill and overlay should be finished this week. Crack sealing will begin tomorrow and slurry seal after that. All work should be completed prior to school starting.

Council Member Brandt said the committee has been working on an updated employment contract for the City Administrator. The resolution authorizing the contract will be presented to Council on July 15th with the effective date of October 1, 2025. Council members may contact Council Members Green and Brandt with any questions.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman provided an update on the Inspection process and IBTS. Good feedback was received from local contractors during a work session/town hall meeting. The City will continue to meet with contractors to address issues.

Mr. Kehrman indicated that Council will need to review and determine fees associated with permitting and inspections. Fee information will be provided to Council soon.

Council Member Papreck asked about the crosswalk project at College and Miami.

Mr. Kehrman said the project is still on track, however MoDOT has assigned a new LPA Supervisor to the project. There will be a public meeting prior to beginning the project.

Council Member Papreck asked about the timeline for signs placed on nuisance properties.

Mr. Kehrman said the first sign was placed today on a property on Ellsworth. The property is up for auction and he plans to attend to let potential buyers know the property is condemned.

Council Member Papreck asked about how to go about reporting a nuisance.

Mr. Kehrman said the Police Department and City Hall will take nuisance complaints.

Council Member Simmons asked about the status of the stormwater project on Boyd Street near ConAgra.

Mr. Kehrman said ConAgra has started their part of the project. The City is still waiting for approval from the Economic Development Office.

Council Member Green said he received information regarding a nuisance located at 100 East Ridgecrest.

Mr. Kehrman said he will look into the nuisance at that location.

The Police Department has been trying to remedy nuisances prior to going through the administrative process.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson thanked Marshall Municipal Utilities for restoring the power quickly during a recent outage.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Keith Zinn, resident, asked what the plan is for Lincoln Street when the school is built since there is no curb & gutter or sidewalks.

City Administrator JD Kehrman replied that he has spoken with the Superintendent of Schools and they have discussed crosswalks. The Municipal Services Department has begun site work for crosswalks.

Brian Crigger, thanked Council for work that has been done on an overgrown ditch near his home. He spoke about paving the ditch with potential grant funding.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Thompson presented the following appointment for Ward 4 Council Member to Council for consideration and approval:

Ward 4 Council Member – Carter Fawkes – New Appointment

Council Member Swisher made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to appoint Carter Fawkes to the position of Ward 4 Council Member. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Allen, Swisher and Brandt voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 375.170 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, RELATING TO BICYCLE RIDING IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Swisher spoke about amending Section 375.170 instead of repealing.

Council Members discussed the installation of proper signage.

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Brandt, to approve the first reading. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Papreck Gibson, Allen, Swisher, Brandt and Simmons voting aye. Motion carried.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS” was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Allen, to approve the first reading. A roll call vote was taken with Papreck, Gibson, Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons and Green voting aye. Motion carried.

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 Papreck made a motion, seconded by Green, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green and Papreck voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8888 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 Simmons, seconded by Gibson. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck and Gibson 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

Mayor Thompson asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Swisher made a motion to nominate himself as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck and Gibson voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson gave the following Committee assignments:

Property, Finance, Budget and Audit Committee:
Council Members Jim Papreck and Carter Fawkes

Municipal Services and Personnel Committee:
Council Members Dan Brandt and Drew Green

Public Relations and Public Safety Committee:
Council Members Nathan Swisher and Jeremy Gibson

Community Development and Code Committee:
Council Members John Allen and Harold Simmons

Council Member Brandt will serve at liaison to the Marshall Chamber of Commerce and Council Member Allen will serve as liaison to the Marshall Park Board.

Council Member Green spoke about some traffic issues with electric bikes.

Police Chief Donnell said there are some issues they have been dealing with related to electric bikes and will be putting out a press release.

Council Member Green said other groups should be involved when talking about creating a concrete drainage ditch such as MMU. There are many questions that need to be answered.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Allen, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk