

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 15, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 65340.

City Clerk Julie Lewis administered the Oath of Office to Carter Fawkes, Ward 4 Council Member.

The following members of the Marshall City Council were present: Mayor Craig Thompson; Council Members Drew Green, Jeremy Gibson, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Nathan Swisher, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Jim Papreck and City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy excused absent

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

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Swisher, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 1, 2025. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Papreck excused absent. Motion carried.

Conner Swift, Marshall Saline Development Corporation Executive Director, gave an update on current projects. They are currently working on an infill lease development on 2 acres, identifying unused lots that can be used to entice developers, an Economic Development grant, identifying industrial properties to be designated as certified sites and exploring the idea of a child care facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Gibson gave the Police Department report for the month of June:

<u>Traffic Stops:</u>	154	<u>Warrants:</u>	
Citations	23	Municipal Court	18
Arrests	10		
DWI and Other Traffic	2		

Officers calls for service:	143	Average of 54 calls per day
Police Reports taken:	139	Average of 5 reports per day
Arrests:	43	

Animal Shelter:			
Citations	1	Dogs and puppies picked up	12
Cats picked up	0	Dogs returned to owners	5
Dogs adopted	4	Cats returned to owners	0
Cats adopted	2		

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Green reported Jet A fuel sales at the Airport totaled 2,889 gallons year to date and 3,805 gallons of Low Lead fuel year to date. Fuel prices have been lowered to attract more sales, almost 1000 gallons more of Jet A, year to date, have been sold over last year and almost 200 gallons more of Low Lead.

Council Member Brandt said the mill and overlay project is complete and slurry seal will begin later this week, subject to the weather.

Council Member Green spoke about a proposed 1 cent sales tax, with a 3 year sunset, specifically for streets.

Council Member Green said there have been some complaints about the project on College and those have been passed on to Marshall Municipal Utilities.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Fawkes reported revenues are at \$13,435,837 and expenditures are at \$12,651,881. We are now in the final quarter of fiscal year 2025 and numbers are looking good. The fiscal year 2026 budget process will begin within the next week.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Simmons gave the building permit report for the month of June:

Building Permits Issued – 16	Estimated Project Cost - \$230,900
Electrical Permits Issued – 5	Permit Fees Collected - \$590.50
Plumbing Permits Issued – 3	

Rebecca Adams, Marshall Main Street President, gave the Main Street Quarterly report to Council. Ms. Adams updated Council Members on the Flower Basket project and asked for \$2,000 to be placed in Municipal Services budget for watering of the flower baskets.

Ms. Adams provided a slide show presentation of Marshall Main Street with architectural renderings of local businesses and potential concepts of revitalization work.

Ms. Adams spoke about the need for a grocery store and the amount of money that is being spent out of town; she also spoke about Chapter 353, a redevelopment tool under Missouri law.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman reported on the following:

- Main school building construction is near completion
- Conducted pre-application meeting with IBTS and new owners of Benton School
- Nuisance property on South Ellsworth
- Steven Mills, master electrician, will begin electrical inspections tomorrow; will discuss similar arrangement with Plumbing Board
- General Fund Department budgets are being returned to the Finance Director
- Will provide an analysis of IBTS fees to Council soon
- Will conduct a public meeting on August 5, 2025 for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant project for sidewalk improvements at Miami and College

- Working with Engineering Surveys and Services to close out the FEMA grant
- All City of Marshall owned buildings underwent a re-valuation through our insurance carrier.
- Agreement for on-call services with Lamp Rynearson
- Working to clean up the cumbersome 911 addressing system process

Mr. Kehrman said the statement made earlier in the meeting about 27 million dollars leaving the community because there is not a grocery store is incorrect. He explained how those numbers are determined and if that were the case, there would be grocers willing to build here.

Mayor Thompson asked about crosswalks on Lincoln near the school.

Mr. Kehrman said he has met with the Superintendent of Schools and work is beginning on the crosswalk at Slater Street. There will also be a crosswalk by the new entrance, but that may not be completed prior to the start of school.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Steve Sodden presented the American Public Power Association Certificate of Excellence Award to Marshall Municipal Utilities. He stated MMU has a commitment to reliability with services available 99% of the time. They have a great staff and are a great asset to the community.

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom accepted the award and thanked his staff members.

Mr. Bergstrom noted groundbreaking will take place on July 22, 2025 at 9 a.m. at the power plant location.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dr. Gregory Mary Eugene Thompson expressed his concerns regarding an upcoming Pride Festival in Marshall. He said there are other locations in town that would be more appropriate instead of the town square.

Scott Fann, President of the Marshall Park Board, spoke to Council about a capital funding proposal for upgrades to park facilities. He requested a meeting with the Property, Finance, Budget and Audit Committee and the City Administrator.

SET 2025-2026 TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Green, to set the 2025-2026 Tax Levy Public Hearing for August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Papreck excused absent. Motion carried.

SET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to set a Transportation Alternative Program Grant Public Hearing for August 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Papreck excused absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH LAMP RYNEARSON, INC.” was read by title only.

Lamp Rynearson Engineer Dan Miller said his company focuses on working with public clients and his goal is to protect the city’s interests. They will work with IBTS on various projects.

Council Members inquired about fees associated with the proposed services.

Mr. Miller indicated that the contract contains a list of fees

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Brandt, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Fawkes and Allen voting aye; Gibson voting nay; Papreck excused absent. The Resolution is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Resolution No. 2025-13.

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A UTILITY EASEMENT TO MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR UTILITY PURPOSES OVER CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SALINE COUNTY, MISSOURI” was read by title only.

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom said the proposed resolution provides for an easement at the Marshall Energy Center location and allows MMU to maintain ownership of a gas line.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Simmons, Green, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen and Swisher voting aye; Papreck excused absent. The Resolution is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Resolution No. 2025-14.

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH UPDATED TERMS FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT” was read by title only.

Council Member Brandt explained this is a revision to the original contract. The notification period of 12 months was changed to 6 months, a salary increase will be given October 1st and one work from home day per pay period was added.

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Allen, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Green, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher and Brandt voting aye;

Gibson voting nay; Papreck excused absent. The Resolution is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Resolution No. 2025-15.

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 second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Green, seconded by Brandt. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher, Brandt and Simmons voting aye; Papreck excused absent. The Ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8889.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Brandt, seconded by Green. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons and Green voting aye; Papreck excused absent. The Ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8890.

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

Ordinance No. 8891 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 Green, seconded by Simmons. A roll call vote was taken with Fawkes, Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green and Gibson voting aye; Papreck excused absent. 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 said it is important for citizens to understand why Council does not vote on street closure requests anymore. Special legal counsel advised there is no option to not let events happen on the square. If certain events are allowed, such as Booze, Burgers & BBQ, Shopping Under the Sun or Return to the Roost, there is no way to stop other events from happening. It is either they all happen or none happen. It is not about anyone’s personal opinion.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Swisher made a motion, seconded by Allen, to enter into Executive Session concerning leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a

public governmental body. RSMo. 610.021 (2). A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Gibson and Fawkes voting aye; Papreck excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

At 8:29 p.m., the Marshall City Council returned to Regular Session with the following members present: Mayor Craig Thompson; Council Members Drew Green, Jeremy Gibson, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Nathan Swisher, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons. Council Member Jim Papreck excused absent.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Green, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Papreck excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Julie A Lewis
City Clerk