

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 65340, with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem 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 Swisher made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 3, 2025. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Papreck reported revenues are at \$12,560,583 or 93.76% of budgeted amounts and expenditures are at \$11,723,355 or 82.45% of budgeted amounts.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

No report.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt said the mill and overlay project will begin the first part of next week, weather permitting. Public notice will be made as to where they will be working.

Council Member Green spoke about future street work needed and said he would like to hear from citizens regarding a proposed sales tax.

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom gave an update on the main replacement project on College Street. The project should be completed sometime in August or September.

City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy reminded everyone to obey traffic laws while traveling in the affected areas.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman reported the work session/town hall meeting that was held with local contractors was extremely productive and excellent ideas were received. He hopes the results of the comments made will be seen in proposed changes in the future. All proposed changes will come to Council prior to being implemented.

Mr. Kehrman thanked the staff at MMU; they have been outstanding during this transition.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

No report.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Brian Crigger, resident of Ward 1, asked when the overgrowth will be taken care of in the ditch behind his home in the Englewood and Placida area. He said he has been here once a year, for many years, to ask that something be done about the overgrowth.

Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine said crews will be working on that next week.

Mike Harlow, resident of Ward 3, said that only one section of that ditch belongs to the City, the rest is on private property. He asked that property lines be looked at prior to doing the work.

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson presented the following appointments for Council consideration and approval:

Library Board

Jackie Guthrey	Re-Appointment	Term Expires July 2028
Rev. Mary Williams	Re-Appointment	Term Expires July 2028
Michael Brennan	Re-Appointment	Term Expires July 2028

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to approve the appointments as presented. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO CLARIFY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY BY INCLUDING REFERENCES TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Brandt, seconded by Allen. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Green, Papreck, Thompson, Allen, Swisher and Brandt voting aye; Gibson voting nay. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President Pro Tem of the Council, approved by the Mayor Pro Tem and numbered Ordinance No. 8885.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE NOTICE BY POSTING ON THE PROPERTY” was given its second reading by title only.

Council Member Green detailed concerns he has regarding posting notice.

City Administrator JD Kehrman explained the options and said posting lets neighbors know action is being taken.

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Brandt, to put the ordinance to its final passage and approval. A roll call vote was taken with Papreck, Gibson, Thompson, Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons and Green voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President Pro Tem of the Council, approved by the Mayor Pro Tem and numbered Ordinance No. 8886.

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

Ordinance No. 8887 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 Papreck. A roll call vote was taken with Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Thompson and Allen voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President Pro Tem of the Council and approved by the Mayor Pro Tem.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

Council Member Papreck said we have an ordinance that prohibits riding bicycles on the square and he would like to propose an amendment to the ordinance to match current practices.

Council Member Simmons said he has spoken with local contractors and they want more meetings, like the one last week, to get more information and give their input.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk