

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Nathan Swisher excused absent.

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

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to approve the Regular Session minutes of August 5, 2025. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Swisher excused absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to open the Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Brandt, Simmons, Green and Papreck voting aye; Swisher excused absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson said the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments or concerns regarding the 2025-26 Tax Levy.

There were no comments or concerns brought forward.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Brandt, to close the Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken with Fawkes, Allen, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Swisher excused absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Papreck reported revenues are at \$15,263,279 or 114% of budgeted amounts and expenditures are at \$14,833,370 or 104% of budgeted amounts.

The budget is in its final stage of completion and will be available for its first reading on September 2nd, with the second reading to pass on September 16th.

There will be a special meeting of the Council, either September 29th or 30th, at noon, for approval of a budget amendment and all final bills.

Council Member Fawkes noted that a quorum is mandatory to conduct the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Simmons reported a total of 23 permits were issued for the month of July. Construction value totaled \$2,397,191 and permit fees collected totaled \$4,179.71.

Council Member Simmons said they will need to look at increasing permit fees.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Gibson gave the Police Department Report for the month of July:

<u>Traffic Stops:</u>	205	<u>Warrants:</u>	
Citations	31	Municipal Court	24
Arrests	2		
DWI and Other Traffic	5		

Officers Calls for Service: 1,858 Average of 59 calls per day
Police Reports Taken: 119 Average of 4 police reports per day
Arrests: 25

Animal Shelter:

Citations – 5		
Dogs & puppies picked up – 14	Dogs adopted – 1	Dogs returned to owners - 8
Cats picked up – 0	Cats adopted – 0	Cats returned to owners – 0

Nuisance:

10 open nuisance cases
3 signs out
43 closed nuisance cases
9 summons issued to people, 14 total tickets issued
65 complaints since 5/21/25

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Green said using an aggressive strategy for Airport fuel sales has resulted in an increase in Jet A and Low Lead sales.

Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine said the ag season at the Airport has been smooth with few hiccups.

Council Member Brandt said the Slurry Seal project should be completed in about a week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman updated Council Members on the proposed modification of the traffic signal located at the intersection of Miami and College.

A stormwater issue near the Assembly of God Church has been completed by Municipal Services.

The crosswalk at Slater and Lincoln was completed prior to school starting.

Signs stating “NO TRUCKS” have been installed on High St. and at the immediate approach to High St.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

No report.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no business from the audience.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #01 TO BID #04-24-BBIT FOR USDA CONDUIT CONTRACT 2301, 2302, AND 2304 WITH KRAMER SERVICE GROUP LLC” was read by title only.

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom said the change order will align with the actual work done on the project.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson and Fawkes voting aye; Swisher 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. 2025-17.

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MARSHALL, MISSOURI, PARK BOARD’S ENTRY INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY OF MARSHALL SHALL INCUR NO LIABILITY THEREUNDER” was read by title only.

Council Members discussed the proposed loan agreement with Marshall Parks and Recreation Director Preston Peper.

Mr. Peper said the agreement will provide for converting Osage Field to synthetic turf, retrofitting lights with LEDs and office building updates.

Council Members expressed concerns regarding loan repayment and collateral.

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Brandt, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes and Allen voting aye; Swisher 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. 2025-18.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2025” was given its first reading by title only.

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

Ordinance No. 8893 entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2025” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Papreck, seconded by Green. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen and Brandt voting aye; Swisher excused absent. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to take a proposed ordinance regarding Master Plumber testing requirements from the table. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Brandt and Simmons voting aye; Swisher excused absent. Motion carried.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, AMENDING SECTION 500.290 AND SECTION 500.320 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING A MASTER PLUMBER’S LICENSE” was given its first reading by title only.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper explained the ordinance would update the City’s testing requirements to ICC standards.

City Administrator JD Kehrman thanked the Plumbing Board for their work on the proposed ordinance.

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

Ordinance No 8894 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 Brandt. A roll call vote was taken with Fawkes, Allen, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Swisher 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 Simmons said he had received a text from a citizen stating there is nothing for kids to do in town. He would like to know if there is anything the City can do.

Council Member Green said this is a tough issue; there is the park and pool. There have been some things in the past, however, there wasn't much support and they left.

Mayor Thompson said there is also the bowling alley and the YMCA. City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy stated there are scholarships available for the YMCA.

Council Member spoke about several options including movie nights at the park and pocket parks in each neighborhood.

Council Member Green said there are still some issues with the Council's audio and video equipment; hopefully the issues will be fixed soon.

Council Member Green asked City Administrator JD Kehrman to post his availability on the City's website; give the citizens specific times when they can walk in and speak with him.

Council Member Simmons said the power plant project will begin soon and asked MMU if something can be done about the dusty roads.

Council Member Green inquired about the College Street project.

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom detailed the process and said they are waiting for the cuts to settle. They will start pouring concrete before the end of the month.

Mr. Bergstrom said MMU's website contains information about the project. He said their crews have done a good job and MMU appreciates the community's patience.

Mayor Thompson thanked MMU employees for their work on the project.

Mayor Thompson thanked Finance Director Aimee Klinge and the Finance Committee for their work on the budget.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Gibson. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk