

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 65340, with the following members present: Mayor Craig Thompsen, Council Members Drew Green, Jim Papreck, Jeremy Gibson, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Nathan Swisher, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

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

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Green, to approve the Regular Session minutes of December 2, 2025. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Swisher reported the committee met last week to discuss the animal ordinance, municipal court, the intersection of Vest and Ellsworth and application for street closures. The committee will meet again for further discussion on the animal ordinance.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt reported the committee met on December 8th.

Crews will proceed with site preparation for a potential USPS mailbox location.

A meeting will be set with MoDOT regarding state maintenance of Arrow from 65 Highway to English Street.

The committee has received information regarding airport hangar construction.

Council Member Brandt spoke about a potential sales tax for street purposes. Ballot language is being prepared and the proposed sales tax would sunset in 3 years. He explained the process for maintaining over 100 miles of city streets.

Council Member Green discussed the need for the proposed street tax as the general fund has been supporting the street program. A three year sunset gives the opportunity to prove ourselves to the citizens.

Council Members discussed the projected revenue from the proposed sales tax

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman said the money from the proposed sales tax would be restricted to streets only and a sunset will be incorporated into the ballot language.

A formal agreement for the EDA stormwater grant will be presented at the next meeting.

Our airport engineers have found an additional amount of funding for 2026 that will reduce the City’s match from 10% to 5% on the Airport Lighting Project.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

No report.

City Administrator Kehrman spoke about the transfer of the Eastwood school property from the Marshall Public School district to the City of Marshall.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sandy Hisle, business owner, expressed concern about not having an Inspection Department. She said the department is needed for growth and things are not going well at this time as people are not getting permits.

Darrell Ahrens said he has been a builder in the community for 38 years. He reiterated what Sandy Hisle said. He requested a contractor’s meeting and said transparency and communication are needed.

LIQUOR LICENSE

The following liquor license was presented to Council for approval:

Fresh Ideas Management LLC, Lorene Williams, Managing Officer – Liquor By Drink

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Thompson presented the following appointment for Council consideration and approval:

Marshall Housing Authority

Melissa Hughes – New Appointment – Term Expires October 1, 2029

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

Mayor Thompson presented the following appointment for Council consideration and approval:

Board Of Public Works

Chuck Hines – Re-appointment – Term Expires January 1, 2030

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

ORDINANCES

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, BY REPEALING SAID ARTICLE III AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF NEW SECTIONS OF LIKE NUMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING UPDATED REGULATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF SANITARY SEWER SERVICE IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Papreck, seconded by Swisher. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher and Brandt voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8915.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL PERTAINING TO SNOW ROUTES AND TO THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY” was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Simmons, seconded by Papreck. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher, Brandt and Simmons voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8916.

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

Ordinance No. 8917 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 upon motion of Simmons, seconded by Papreck. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher, Brandt, Simmons, Green and

Papreck 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 Papreck asked if a contractor's meeting could be set up for mid January.

City Administrator JD Kehrman answered yes.

Council Member Green asked if there has been any response from Fitzgibbon Hospital. He said more services are closing and in order to help save this major employer some big discussion are needed.

Mayor Thompson and Mr. Kehrman indicated that there has been no response from Fitzgibbon Hospital.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Green, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Julie A Lewis
City Clerk