

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 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, 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 Green, to adopt the agenda as written. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Swisher, to approve the Special Session Minutes of September 11, 2025, Regular Session Minutes of September 16, 2025 and Special Session Minutes of September 30, 2025. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Council Member Brandt said the Municipal Services and Personnel Committee will be setting a meeting soon.

Council Member Brandt read the following Stormwater Tip:

Dog waste is the #3 source of water pollution. With approximately 274 pounds of Waste per dog each year, pet waste can be toxic to our watersheds! Always travel With a plastic bag and carry that waste back to a trash can. Be sure to scoop the poop! Where stormwater flows, everything goes!

**PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

City Administrator JD Kehrman indicated ordinance numbers. 4, 5 and 6 on the agenda relate to the MEC generation plant. Many hours of hard work have gone into this complicated project. He thanked MMU staff and the City Attorney for their efforts.

The status of the EDA grant is delayed due to the government shutdown.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Thompson read the following statement:

“We all want Marshall to Grow. We want new homes, new jobs and new opportunities that strengthen our community. As we move forward we also have a responsibility to make sure growth happens safely, fairly and in line with laws that protect our citizens and taxpayers. I want to clarify how the City handles development projects. Marshall follows standards created by professional engineers, shaped for our local conditions and approved by City Council in open public meetings. These are Marshall’s rules and we are required to follow them and to follow State laws. Where there has been flexibility to work with the developer, I assure you we have done so. We must uphold the standards that keep projects safe, legal and fair to everyone involved. Over the past year, the City has worked hard to support this project and review all plans in good faith. Key requirements were not met and because of that and to make sure every interested developer has a chance to participate, the City will open development opportunities to all interested parties. Our goal is simple – to support growth that benefits everyone, treats developers equal and builds a stronger Marshall for the future.

**BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Bill Riggins, Marshall resident for 44 years, spoke in favor of a proposed housing development. He listed the benefits of approving such a development and said Council Members would be crazy not to approve the project.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP**

Bud’s Café is requesting the suspension of Section 600.070(G) of the Code of Ordinances relating to drinking in public for an event on October 11 & 12, 2025.

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

Mayor Thompson presented the following appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Council consideration and approval:

Planning and Zoning Commission

Gavin Mills – New Appointment – Term Expires November 2026

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Brandt, 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 to the Library Board for Council consideration and approval:

Library Board

Sarah Otto – New Appointment – Term Expires July 2026

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

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. FOR PHASE ONE OF THE SLUDGE FILTER PRESS REPLACEMENT PROJECT” was read by title only.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Allen, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher, Brandt and Simmons voting aye. The Resolution is thereupon declared passed, so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Resolution No. 2025-19.

**ORDINANCES**

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, AND THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL BAND” was given its first reading by title only.

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

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND THE MARSHALL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FOR THE PROVISION OF CONCERTS IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL” was given its first reading by title only.

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

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND THE MARSHALL COMMUNITY CHORUS FOR THE PROVISION OF CONCERTS IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL” was given its first reading by title only.

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

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TO GRANT PERPETUAL UTILITY EASEMENTS TO THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION, D/B/A MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISSION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” was given its first reading by title only

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

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TO GRANT AN ASSIGNMENT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION, D/B/A MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISSION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE UTILITY EASEMENT AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” was given its first reading by title only.

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

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO A LAND USE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, AND THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION, D/B/A MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISSION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” was given its first reading by title only.

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

Ordinance No. 8902 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 Allen, seconded by Simmons. 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 and approved by the Mayor.

### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Council Member Green asked if the City Administrator has set up office hours for speaking with citizens.

City Administrator JD Kehrman said a communications plan has been developed and will be presented at a Council meeting.

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 6:25 p.m.

Julie A Lewis  
City Clerk