

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette Ave., 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 and Dan Brandt; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Harold Simmons excused absent.

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

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve Work Session Minutes of March 3, 2026 and Regular Session Minutes of March 3, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

The Property, Finance, Budget and Audit Committee will meet soon with the Community Development and Code Committee to discuss permit fees.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Allen said the Council had a positive work session yesterday. There will be a joint Committee meeting scheduled for the Property, Finance, Budget and Audit Committee and the Community Development and Code Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

No report.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt said the Compost Area will be open for summer hours effective March 18, 2026. Hours are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. until 4 p.m and Saturdays 7 a.m. until noon.

Council Member Brandt said the proposed street sales tax will be on the April 7th ballot. The City is proposing a ½ cent sales tax with a 3 year sunset for streets and sidewalks. There have been several public information meetings and service club presentations. If your group would like a presentation, please call us.

Council Member Green said he received a question from a citizen regarding who will be inspecting the materials as they come in on the truck.

City Administrator Kehrman said it's possible that Lamp Rynearson will do the inspection this year. Mr. Kehrman said a project manual is being developed that will cover all of this.

Council Member Green said the City's website has a tab titled "Transportation Sales Tax 2026" that will provide information.

Curbside yard waste pick up will begin April 1st.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman said the City has previously been involved with Missouri Valley College, in 2021, for grant administration of funds that were awarded to MVC through HUD. Missouri Valley College has recently contacted the City regarding administration of grant funds for facility upgrades so that MVC could potentially serve as a community post disaster shelter. The City of Marshall would serve as the recipient and MVC would be the sub-recipient. There is no information about the funds match at this time, and the City should not commit without having that information.

Mr. Kehrman requested Council's approval to meet with Missouri Valley College President Parisi tomorrow to put together a collaborative agreement that spells out the responsibilities of MVC and the City's role.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Allen, to allow City Administrator JD Kehrman to talk with MVC to see where this might go. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Kehrman will report back to Council after the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 10, 2026. It was requested the Commission look into considering smaller footprint houses on smaller lots within Marshall.

The City Council met with the Board of Public Works on March 11, 2026 to discuss upcoming needs of Marshall Municipal Utilities. He thanked MMU General Manager Jeff Bergtsom and Controller Tony Bersano for information provided at the meeting.

The City Council held a Work Session to discuss a real estate exchange with Marshall Public Schools.

The Property, Finance, Budget and Audit Committee will meet with the Community Development and Code Committee regarding the permit fee schedule.

The Marshall Public Library will conduct a workshop on March 18, 2026 from 5:30 – 7:30 about plastic pollution.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ana Garcia, owner of La Paz Restaurant and Grocery, spoke about some holes in the ground around her business that started after some heavy rain four years ago. She said another one has opened up and is beginning to cause problems. She would like some help with the situation.

City Administrator JD Kehrman said he will be at the location tomorrow with Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine.

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ANNUAL REPORT

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom gave Marshall Municipal Utilities Annual Report for 2024-2025.

Mr. Bergstrom said MMU has accomplished a lot in the past year. The jobs they do are dangerous and there were no recordable incidents during this time frame.

Mr. Bergstrom highlighted the following projects:

- Energy Center project
- College Street Water Main Replacement
- New website
- Continuing work on USDA Broadband project
- Working to complete a water distribution plan
- Continuing work on overhead to underground project
- Implemented a text to pay option for utility bills
- Succession planning; created People, Risk and Outreach Department

A total of \$324,800 in free services were provided to the City and payments in lieu of taxes to the City totaled \$1,886,943.

Council Members discussed MMU's Cash Reserve Policy and why it is needed.

Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Bergstrom and said MMU does a good job and he appreciates them.

APPOINTMENT

MARSHALL HOUSING AUTHORITY:

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

Marshall Housing Authority

Racheal Howery – New Appointment – Term Expires October 1, 2027

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; Simmons excused absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

A resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL TO EXECUTE AN AVIATION PROJECT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE DESIGN PHASE SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCT TAXIWAY LIGHTING PROJECT AT THE MARSHALL MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT” was read by title only.

Council Member Green spoke about the FAA and MoDOT projects at the airport.

Council Member Green made a motion, seconded by Allen, to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with Brandt, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen and Swisher voting aye; Simmons 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. 2026-4.

ORDINANCE

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

Ordinance No. 8929 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 Brandt, seconded by Papreck. A roll call vote was taken with Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Swisher and Brandt voting aye; Simmons 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 Swisher said this will be his last meeting, he is resigning from his position as Ward 2 Council Member. He said he greatly appreciates the Council and the citizens.

Mayor Thompson thanked Council Member Swisher and said he will be missed.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Simmons excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Julie Lewis
City Clerk

