

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 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, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Dan Brandt and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Jeremy Gibson absent.

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; Gibson absent. Motion carried.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve Regular Session minutes of April 7, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Gibson absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

No report.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt thanked the citizens for their support of the transportation sales tax. He thanked Council Member Drew Green and staff members JD Kehrman, Anmarie Gibson, Jill Geiselman and Randy Cornine for their work on promoting the sales tax.

Council Member Brandt said the Municipal Services Committee will look into the Marion St. parking issue.

Council Member Green also thanked the citizens for their support; now the City can get to work on the streets.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman updated the Council on the stormwater issue at La Paz. The precast box is being built, and we are waiting on a delivery date.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson reported that he presented two proclamations recently, one for Child Abuse Prevention Month and one for Autism Awareness Month.

Mayor Thompson thanked Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine and his crew for cleaning up the smokestack site. The City will now be able to complete the property exchange with the Marshall Public School District. The City will continue to work in the area to make it a nice place for citizens.

Mayor Thompson read the following statement:

The City of Marshall is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our residents by taking a firm unified stand against illegal drug use and distribution in our community. The rise of dangerous substances, including fentanyl, methamphetamine and all other illicit drugs pose a serious threat to public safety. These substances not only endanger those that use them but also impact families, neighborhoods, first responders and the broader of the community. The City will continue to support proactive law enforcement efforts of those involved in possessing, distribution and trafficking of illegal drugs. Substance use is a disorder; it is a complex issue. It requires both accountability and compassion. The City encourages individuals struggling with addiction to seek help and support partnerships with community organizations, health care providers and treatment programs that offer recovery resources. We strongly urge residents to report suspicious activity and participate in community efforts to prevent drug abuse. Education, early intervention and community involvement are crucial components of a safer Marshall. The City of Marshall will not tolerate illegal drug activity that threatens our community. We are committed to working collaboratively to reduce drug related harm and ensure Marshall remains a safe and healthy place to live, work and raise a family.

He added, if you see something, say something. That is the only way we are going to make a difference in this community.

Mayor Thompson thanked Council Members Drew Green and Dan Brandt for their hard work and dedication while serving as City Council Members.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Destiny Tucker spoke about protecting our community by pushing back and standing up for our town and the people in it. Offer real support to people who are struggling, better access to mental health programs and rehabilitation. She asked that people volunteer, reach out and choose kindness over judgement; offer help, guidance and resources. Make a connection with someone you can help. Recovery should be easier to access than drugs. Giving people purpose, opportunity and support takes away the space where drugs thrive. Please show up for each other as a community, for our kids and the future of our community. Be the reason someone gets help, not the reason they feel alone.

Randy Dewitt, resident, spoke about parking issues at the Post Office and requested signs be placed.

Mayor Thompson said the City is working on the situation.

Jaime Vasquez spoke about the usage of public ball fields at the park. He said the rules are not clear. Not being able to use the fields hurts kids, teenagers and families. He suggested transparent pricing for organized groups but to keep general public use free.

Council Members Green and Papreck discussed the usage of the fields and said this information will be relayed to the Park Board.

Myra Barcenas Morales spoke about the usage of the ball fields at the park. She would like to see this made better for our youth. She asked if this was built for the community or Missouri Valley College

Hector Reyna expressed his concerns regarding the usage of the ball fields. He helps kids through coaching and feels that kids should be able to use the fields.

Mayor Thompson said he will look into getting some answers regarding this issue.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Election Summary Report
General Election
SALINE COUNTY
April 7, 2026

Official Results of the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election
I, Brittini Allison Burton, Saline County Clerk, do hereby affirm the following election results are accurate and have been certified on the date beginning 13th day of April, 2026

/s/ Brittini Allison Burton
Brittini Allison Burton, Saline County Clerk and Election Authority

City of Marshall Mayor
Craig Thompson 896

City of Marshall Ward 1 Council Member
Gavin Mills 312

City of Marshall Ward 2 Council Member
Jim Papreck 263
Bob Gauert -Write In 4

City of Marshall Ward 3 Council Member
Aaron Gibson 39
Michael Varner 38

JL Waters	1
Mike Mills	33
Norene Gaskill	2
Pat Martin	1
Adam Arth	1
Richard Machholz	1
James Miller	1
Erin Meyer	2
Bobby Smith	2
Mary Williams	1
Sara Brennan	1
Tom Townsend	1
Melanie Campbell	1
Geo Hamilton	1
Mike Varner	6
M. Varner	1
Mark Mills	2
Michael Mills	1
Michal Mills	1
Erin Gibson	1
Aron Gibson	1
Raymond Gibson	1

City of Marshall Ward 4 Council Member

John Walden	55
Carter Fawkes	78

City of Marshall Question

Yes	543
No	486

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Allen, to accept the Certification of Election Results. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Gibson absent. Motion carried.

BIDS

2026 COLD MILL AND OVERLAY PROGRAM:

Council Member Brandt said a total of three bids were received for the 2026 Cold Mill and Overlay Program. The engineer's estimate of the project is \$729,000.

Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to accept the bid of Capital Paving & Construction LLC in the amount of \$655,855.10. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Gibson absent. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT:

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

Park Board

Bani Zacena - New Appointment – Term Expires June 2028

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

ORDINANCES

Marshall Municipal Utilities Controller Tony Bersano explained the proposed water rate schedule.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE WATER RATE SCHEDULE APPROVED BY THE CITY’S BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS” was given its first reading by title only.

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

Ordinance No. 8931 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 Papreck, Fawkes, Allen, Brandt, Simmons and Green voting aye; Gibson absent. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Green spoke about his time on the Council and thanked everyone. He said this is a great Council and he will miss it.

Council Member Brandt said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Council. He encouraged citizens to get involved. He thanked his wife for her support.

Mayor Thompson, in honor of Administrative Professionals Day, recognized Assistant City Clerk Diane Green and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Allen, to adjourn sine die at 6:45 p.m.

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The Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk Julie Lewis to Craig Thompson, Mayor; Gavin Mills, Council Member Ward 1; Jim Papreck, Council Member Ward 2; Michael Varner, Council Member Ward 3; and Carter Fawkes, Council Member Ward 4.

Certificates of Election were presented to the newly elected Council Members.

The roll was called with the following members of the City Council present: Mayor Craig Thompson; Council Members Gavin Mills, Jim Papreck, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Michael Varner and Harold Simmons; Jeremy Gibson absent. Also present were City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

Mayor Thompson asked for a nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Mills, to nominate himself as Mayor Pro Tem. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Gibson absent. Motion carried.

GRIEVANCE BOARD ELECTION

Mayor Thompson asked for two nominations for the annual Grievance Board Election. Council Members Swisher and Allen served last year.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Varner, to nominate Council Members Allen and Fawkes to serve on the Grievance Board. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Gibson absent. Motion carried. Council Members Allen and Fawkes will serve on the Grievance Board for 2026-2027.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

Julie A Lewis
City Clerk