

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 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 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 Drew Green absent.

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; Green absent. Motion carried.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve the Work Session Minutes of March 11, 2026, Work Session Minutes of March 16, 2026, Regular Session Minutes of March 17, 2026, and Special Session Minutes of March 30, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Green absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Allen reported that 31 permits were issued during the month of March. Fees collected totaled \$770.00

Council Member Drew Green present at 6:05 p.m.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Gibson gave the following Marshall Fire Department reports:

During the month of March, the Marshall Fire Department responded to:

- 5 fires in the city, 1 fire in the county
- 9 hazardous situations in the city, 2 in the county
- 12 medical calls for the city, 2 for the county
- 18 non emergency calls in the city, 3 in the county
- 16 public service calls in the city, 1 in the county
- 2 rescue calls in the city.
- Total calls – 71

Marshall Fire Department Annual Summary:

- 42 fire calls in the city, 34 in the county
- 1 overpressure rupture/explosion/overheat/no fire
- 266 rescue/medical calls for the city, 6 for the county
- 35 hazardous conditions in the city, 2 in the county
- 104 service calls in the city, 6 in the county
- 68 good intent calls in the city, 19 in the county

-64 false alarms in the city, 10 in the county
Total calls for 2025 – 657

Mutual aid was received 2 times and given 8 times

Casualties – 0 civilians and firefighters

Injuries – 0 civilians and 1 firefighter

Property and content loss: \$2,031,070 Property and content saved: \$2,266,830

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Brandt gave the Stormwater Tip:

Properly dispose of all trash, rubbish and garbage. Trash that is left in your yard, or on the street, will eventually end up in the closest ditch.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Papreck said the City is halfway through the fiscal year. Revenues are at \$9,752,068 and expenditures are at \$9,806,702.

The City of Marshall received funding from two grants during the month of March.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman updated the Council on a stormwater engineering project located near La Paz Grocery and a stormwater engineering project near Cotton Road.

Easements have been secured for a FEMA project near Eastwood. The project will focus on drainage mitigation.

Mr. Kehrman discussed the TAP grant project at Miami and College; most easements have been obtained and MMU provided an updated list of underground utilities.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson provided an update regarding the smokestack site; footings are being demolished, a debris pile has been moved and the site has been mowed.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Richard Rodden, resident, spoke to the Council about complaints he has with the Marshall Police Department.

Mr. Randy Dewitt, resident, asked Council to consider placing "30 Minute Parking" signs on the south side of the Post Office.

Mr. Keith Zinn, resident, said he agrees with Mr. Dewitt's request. He said he heard there was a possible lawsuit involving the former mayor and asked what the status is. He also asked how much RTS pays the City for tearing up the streets.

Council Member Green said RTS does not pay a fee to the City for wear and tear on streets.

BIDS

MOWING SERVICES:

Mayor Thompson presented the following bid for Lawn Mowing services at the City Office Building, Martin Community Center and Municipal Court.

Quality Lawn Care	\$200 per mowing
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Council Member Gibson made a motion, seconded by Allen, to accept the bid of Quality Lawn Care for Lawn Mowing Services in the amount of \$200 per mowing. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

LAWN FERTILIZATION SERVICES:

Mayor Thompson presented the following bid for Lawn Fertilization services at City Office Building and Martin Community Center.

EZ Green Professional Turf Management LLC	\$1,440.00
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Council Member Brandt made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to accept the bid of EZ Green Professional Turf Management LLC in the amount of \$1,440.00. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

2026 MICRO SURFACING PROGRAM:

Council Member Brandt said there is a sales tax on the ballot for streets, if the tax is passed by voters, the 2026 street program will increase. A list of streets for the 2026 street program is on the City's website.

The following bid was presented for Council consideration and approval:

Vance Brothers LLC	\$345,085.35
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Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve the bid of Vance Brothers LLC in the amount of \$345,085.35 for Micro Surfacing of city streets. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Simmons inquired about who would be checking the mix.

City Administrator Kehrman said the engineer plans to do that.

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

Ordinance No. 8930 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 Simmons. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Brandt, Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson and Fawkes 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 said he would like to see City Hall fixed up a bit with some landscaping.

Mayor Thompson said he is working with staff on getting things fixed up.

Council Member Papreck inquired about the vacant Council seat for Ward 2.

Mayor Thompson said he working on that and will be making a recommendation.

Mayor Thompson asked if there is an update on the Marshall Electric Center. MMU Controller Tony Bersano said the project is on schedule.

Mayor Thompson said a new computer has been purchased so the live streaming will begin again soon.

Chuck Hines, BOPW member, said they will be coming to Council soon with a firm bid on the Customer Connect Center.

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. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Julie Lewis
City Clerk

