

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

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 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 Gavin Mills, Jim Papreck, Jeremy Gibson, Carter Fawkes, Peggy Sherman, Michael Varner and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member John Allen excused 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; Allen excused absent. Motion carried.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve Work Session Minutes of June 16, 2026 and Regular Session Minutes of June 16, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Allen excused absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Fawkes reported the mill and overlay project will start on Friday and should be completed within 1 week. Door hangers will be placed asking citizens to move their cars, if necessary.

Council Member Varner gave the following stormwater tip:

Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch. The storm drain system conveys storm water directly to a creek or stream, without any treatment. Where storm water flows, everything goes.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Council Member Papreck reported that expenditures are at \$13.7 million or 88% of budgeted amounts and revenues are at \$12.8 million or 87% of budgeted amounts.

Grant funds received in June totaled \$1,801.20.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Simmons reported the following permits were issued during June:

Building Permits – 10	Electrical Permits – 7
Mechanical Permits – 3	Plumbing Permits – 5
Total Permits Issued – 25	Estimated Project Cost - \$480,475
Permit Fees Collected – \$378.00	

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Mills gave the Marshall Fire Department report for June:

Fires in city – 2

Hazardous situations in city – 5

Medical calls in city – 18

Non-emergency in city – 15

Public service in city – 11

Total calls – 63

Fires in county - 2

Hazardous situations in county – 1

Medical calls in county – 2

Non-emergency in county – 5

Rescues in city – 2

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman gave an update on the nuisance property on Ridgecrest.

City Counselor Elizbeth Bellamy provided information regarding the court process.

Mr. Kehrman said the vacant property registration ordinance changes will be brought to Council soon.

Mr. Kehrman also spoke about the construction restrictions at the “Old Fitz” property; if they are not enforced as written, they should be repealed.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson said he attended a neighborhood meeting yesterday regarding the “Old Fitz” site. Pictures of the proposed development were provided at the meeting.

Mayor Thompson said he received calls over the weekend regarding fireworks. He said the ordinance will be reviewed.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Disa Farris, resident, thanked City Administrator JD Kehrman for the update regarding a property located on Ridgecrest. She provided pictures of the area and indicated that it is a fire hazard. She provided information about a conversation with the person who mowed the property.

Mike Shipp, resident, thanked the City for making an effort on the Ridgecrest property. He provided information about a condemnation process and said the property meets that criteria.

Council Member Papreck discussed the process with City Administrator JD Kehrman.

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

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

Library Board

Chelsea Corkins – New Appointment – Term Expires July 2029

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

MARSHALL CULTURAL COUNCIL REQUEST:

The Marshall Cultural Council would like to request the suspension of Section 600.070(G) of the Code of Ordinances relating to drinking in public, from 6:00 a.m. on August 1, 2026 until 1:00 a.m. on August 2, 2026 for the annual Shopping Under the Sun event held on the square.

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

BUD'S CAFÉ REQUEST:

Bud's Café would like to request the suspension of Section 600.070 (G) of the Code of Ordinances relating to drinking in public, from 4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026 until 1:30 a.m. on August 1, 2026 for an event benefitting the Midwestern Hydrocephalus Coalition. The location of the event will be the corner of West Arrow and South Lafayette.

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

BUD'S CAFÉ REQUEST:

Bud's Café would like to request the suspension of Section 600.070 (G) of the Code of Ordinances relating to drinking in public, from 2 p.m on August 22, 2026 until 1:30 a.m. on August 23, 2026 for an outdoor event on Lafayette Ave. from Arrow to the alleyway behind Bud's Café.

Council Member Mills made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve the request as presented. A voice vote was taken with Mills, Papreck, Gibson, Allen, Sherman, Varner and Simmons voting aye; Fawkes voting nay. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 8939 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING WITH FIRST STATE COMMUNITY BANK, AS LESSOR, AND THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, AS ADMINISTRATOR, FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY THEREOF" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Papreck, seconded by Varner. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills and Papreck voting aye; Allen excused absent. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

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, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND SEPTAGON CONSTRUCTION” was given its first reading by title only.

Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager Jeff Bergstrom said the ordinance will provide for construction of a Customer Connect Center and has been approved by the Board of Public Works.

Council Member Simmons asked about using local contractors for the project. Mr. Bergstrom said portions of the project will be done by local contractors.

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

Ordinance No. 8940 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 Simmons, seconded by Mills. A roll call vote was taken with Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck, Gibson and Fawkes voting aye; Allen 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

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Gibson made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Allen excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Julie A Lewis
City Clerk

