

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2026

6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 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 absent.

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

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Mills, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 19, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Allen absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

The Marshall Fire Department responded to:

- 5 Fires in the City, 1 in the County
- 5 Hazardous Conditions
- 13 Medical Calls
- 9 Non-emergency Calls in the City, 2 in the County
- 17 Public Service Calls
- 3 Rescues
- 55 Total Calls

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council Member Varner gave the Stormwater Tip:

It is against City Ordinance to dispose of grass clippings, leaves or brush in any City ditch or on any City Street. Where Stormwater flows, everything goes!

Council Member Fawkes asked Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine to give an update on the 2026 street projects.

Mr. Cornine gave a brief update on the 2026 street project. Notice to proceed with crack sealing will be given on June 8th and slurry seal will be done 60 to 90 days after that. Mill and overlay should begin during the first week of July. A list of streets will be on the City's website. Citizens will receive a notice on their door, 24 hours in advance, of their street being worked on. Please move any cars that are parked on the streets.

The City will take delivery of a street sweeper next week.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator JD Kehrman said there will be a Community Clean Up event at the Saline County Fairgrounds on June 13th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is being organized by the Saline County Commission and Municipal Services will provide some labor.

The Airport lighting project, which is being funded by the FAA, has a funding gap of about \$175,000. The State of Missouri will be providing the \$175,000 so the project can be completed. The City's match is 10% on Entitlement Funds and 5% on Federal funds.

The engineer has reviewed the storm box that will be placed at La Paz. There were some discrepancies that need to be fixed. The box will be custom formed for that particular location.

The final 2 easements for the Cotton Street stormwater project are being completed. The La Paz storm box project and Cotton Street project will be bid together.

The City is waiting on the final easements for the Eastwood stormwater project and hopes to be closing in on finalizing that project.

Mr. Kehrman gave an update on the nuisance property on Ridgecrest. He indicated there has been no response from the property owner, however, the City will be pushing for compliance through several different tracks. The City's vacant property registration ordinance needs to be updated with timelines and escalation fees. The Community Development and Code Committee will need to meet soon to look at proposed revisions for the ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson assigned newly appointed Council Member Peggy Sherman to the Property, Finance, Budget and Audit Committee.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mike Shipp, resident, thanked City Administrator Kehrman for the update on the nuisance property on Ridgecrest. He said there is a lot of rodent excrement which means there is a possibility of hantavirus. He thanked the Council and said the job is not done yet. He spoke about the Missouri State nuisance laws and property liens.

ORDINANCES

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 Mills, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Sherman, Varner, Simmons and Mills voting aye; Allen absent. Motion carried

Ordinance No. 8937 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 Varner. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills and Papreck voting aye; Allen 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 Simmons asked MMU Controller Tony Bersano if there is an update on the MEC generation plant.

Mr. Bersano said the project is on track.

Council Member Papreck said he has some high traffic intersections that he would like to have reviewed by the Municipal Services Committee.

Council Member Papreck asked if the State nuisance laws that Mr. Shipp spoke about are part of the track that Mr. Kehrman explained.

Mr. Kehrman said yes, our process mirrors state statute.

Council Members discussed the nuisance abatement process.

Mayor Thompson said the City is working on this property along with several others.

Mayor Thompson thanked Council Member Sherman for joining the Council.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Fawkes, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Allen absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk