

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 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, John Allen, Michael Varner and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis.

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

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Varner, to approve the Regular Session minutes of April 23, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Mayor Thompson said he will not be making Committee assignments at this meeting. The Municipal Services Committee does not have any members at this time; assignments will be made at the next meeting.

PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:

Council Member Simmons reported a total of 24 permits were issued during April, with a total construction value of \$437,000. Permit fees collected totaled \$337.00

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson reported that he has reached out to the Postmaster to discuss a location for the postal box and parking signage installation on Marion.

The City of Marshall employees held an election for Grievance Board members. The employees elected Tim Butner and Clifton Huff as members and Mandi Bolling and Diane Green as alternate members.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Disa Farris, resident, said she is here with a group of residents from the Ridgecrest neighborhood. The house located at 100 Ridgecrest meets condemnation standards and the neighborhood is seeking some respect from the homeowner. Details regarding debris and neglect were provided along with pictures of the property. She indicated the property has had ongoing nuisance issues for about 2 decades.

Mike Shipp, resident, said he lives next door to the property. The property is attracting individuals that should not be in the home. Someone was arrested there recently. He made calls to the Inspection Department, but didn't receive any response or see any action taken. He said "What we permit, we promote". Please take care of this as soon as possible.

Ashley Weaver, resident, said she lives directly behind the property. She and her family have had to deal with feral animals that have taken up residence at the property. There are broken windows and there are people in the house.

Brian Crigger, resident, spoke about his issue with a drainage ditch near his home. He is requesting the area be cleaned out.

Mayor Thompson said he will come look at the area.

Bruce Baker, resident, spoke about the feral animals at 100 Ridgecrest. His own pet has been injured by these animals. There must be something that can be done. He feels the standard operating procedure is to look away.

Mayor Thompson said the process must be done the legal way; please be patient. This will take some time but he will not let it slide by.

Matt Timmerberg, resident, said the property is dangerous due to the drug activity happening there. We, as residents of the neighborhood are asking for your help respectfully.

ORDINANCES

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 second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Papreck, seconded by Mills. A roll call vote was taken with Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Varner, Simmons and Mills voting aye. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8932.

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED AND DEDICATED TO THE CITY FOR STREET PURPOSES

AND RESERVING A UTILITY EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF SAID TRACT” was given its first reading by title only.

MMU General Manager Jeff Bergstrom said the requested vacation is related to the MEC project and noted the exact location.

Council Member Simmons inquired about the RV dump station. Mr. Bergstrom said the dump station has been moved to a different location, but they still have one.

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

Ordinance No. 8933 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 Papreck, seconded by Allen. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Varner, Simmons, Mills, 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 Gibson inquired about the removal of stop lights at the intersection of Arrow and English.

Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine said the state has requested a traffic study be done first, but the decision to remove will be the City’s.

City Administrator JD Kehrman said this is something the Municipal Services Committee should look into.

Council Member Varner read the following Stormwater tip:

Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover or mulching exposed areas. Where stormwater flows, everything goes!

Mayor Thompson spoke briefly about grass, weeds, etc. The City will look into the situation.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Simmons 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 6:40 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk