CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 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, John Allen, Peggy Sherman, Michael Varner and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Carter Fawkes excused absent.

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

Council Member Varner made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of August 4, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Fawkes excused absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Gibson made a motion, seconded by Allen, to open the Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson said the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments or concerns regarding the 2026-27 Tax Levy.

There were no comments or concerns brought forward.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Sherman, to close the Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:
Council Member Gibson gave the Marshall Police Department report for the month of July:

Traffic Stops:	293
Citations	50
Arrests	7
DWI and Other Traffic	11

Warrants:	
Municipal Court	27

Officers Calls for Service: 1521 Average of 49 per day
Police Reports Taken: 91 Average of 2 per day
Arrests: 34

Animal Shelter:

Citations	0	Dogs Adopted	2
Dogs and Puppies Picked Up	15	Cats Returned to Owners	0
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Dogs Returned to Owners	7		

Nuisance
1 open nuisance case
1 sign out
8 closed nuisance cases
2 summons issued to people, 2 total tickets issued
36 nuisances since 01/01/2026

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:
Council Member Varner reported the following Airport Fuel Sales:

Jet A:	4,612.29 gallons sold in July	100LL:	2,555.17 gallons sold in July
	15,257.14 gallons sold year to date		6572.26 gallons sold year to date

PROPERTY, FINANCE, AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE:
Council Member Papreck said the Budget Committee met recently with the Municipal Court employees regarding the budget and renovations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:
Council Member Simmons gave the Inspection Department report for the month of July:

Building Permits:	7	Electrical Permits:	3
Plumbing Permits:	5	Total Permits:	15

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
City Administrator JD Kehrman said Municipal Services crews will place 15 minute parking signs on Lafayette in front of the Post Office. The Post Master has sent in a request to get a mailbox reset after it was damaged, the City has offered to help.

No bids were received for the Airport Lighting project. The engineer indicated the timing was bad so we will rebid the project in the spring.

There are currently some additional delays on the FEMA stormwater project.

The TAP Grant for Miami and College has been approved, we are waiting for authorization to bid the project.

Mr. Kehrman spoke about the recent accident at Missouri Valley University's crosswalk on Morrow. A group has been formed to keep pressure on MoDOT for some sort of signals. Council Members discussed options for traffic calming measures.

Tickets have been issued regarding nuisance property on Ridgecrest. A court date has not been set at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor Thompson said he recently had a conversation with Chief Donnell regarding enforcement of parking restrictions.

Mayor Thompson said he walked Miami Avenue with Municipal Services Director Randy Cornine. The street is in bad condition; he thanked Municipal Services for their temporary patching.

Budget work is nearing completion; thank you to the Committee and Finance Director Aimee Klinge for their work.

Council Member Papreck discussed the three year street plan in relation to the condition of Miami Ave. Mr. Papreck also asked about a traffic study for the intersection of Morrow and Benton to potentially move the stop sign from Morrow to Benton.

Mayor Thompson reminded citizens of the Saline County Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility. It is open the 4th Wednesday of each month and appointments must be made by calling 660-886-3945.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cliff Cato, resident, suggested a potential crosswalk bridge at Missouri Valley University.

APPOINTMENTS

MARSHALL TOURISM COMMISSION:
Mayor Thomspon presented the following appointments for Council consideration and approval:

Tourism Commission
Chris Lunsford – New Appointment – Term Expires June 2029
Mike Harlow – Re-Appointment – Term Expires June 2029

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

LIBRARY BOARD:
Mayor Thompson presented the following appointments for Council consideration and approval:

Library Board
Brooke Linsenbardt – Re-Appointment – Term Expires July 2029
Sarah Otto – Re-Appointment – Term Expires July 2029

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

ORDINANCES

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 BURNS & MCDONNELL" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Allen, seconded by Papreck. A roll call vote was taken with Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck, Gibson and Allen voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8949.

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND REVERSIONARY INTEREST AFFECTING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 868 SOUTH BRUNSWICK AVENUE, APPROVING A COVENANT RELEASE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND FINDING THAT THE RELEASE SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Simmons, seconded by Gibson. A roll call vote was taken with Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck, Gibson, Allen and Sherman voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. The ordinance is there upon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8950.

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION, REGULATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF ABANDONED OR VACANT PROPERTIES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8605; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Mills, seconded by Sherman. A roll call vote was taken with Simmons, Mills, Papreck, Gibson, Allen, Sherman and Varner voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council, approved by the Mayor and numbered Ordinance No. 8951.

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 8941; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO OSAGE EQUITIES, INC., OR ITS PERMITTED ASSIGNEE; APPROVING A REVISED REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" was given its first reading by title only.

City Administrator JD Kehrman explained there has been a name change so the ordinance that was passed recently is being repealed and replaced with this one reflecting the correct name.

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

Ordinance No. 8952 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 8941; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO OSAGE EQUITIES, INC. OR ITS PERMITTED ASSIGNEE; APPROVING A REVISED REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Varner, seconded by Sherman. A roll call vote was taken with Papreck, Gibson, Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons and Mills voting aye; Fawkes 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 PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2026" 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 Gibson, Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills and Papreck voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8953 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2026" 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 Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Fawkes 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 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 Mills, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Fawkes excused absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8954 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 Mills, seconded by Allen. A roll call vote was taken with Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Mills, Papreck, Gibson and Allen voting aye; Fawkes 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

Council Member Simmons asked about the possibility of reassigning certain committees.

Mayor Thompson said he would consider the possibility.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Varner made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Fawkes excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk