**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**
**AUGUST 4, 2026**
**6:00 P.M.**

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 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, Peggy Sherman, Michael Varner and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Gavin Mills 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; Mills excused absent. Motion carried.

Council Member Simmons made a motion, seconded by Papreck, to approve Special Session Minutes of July 21, 2026 and Regular Session Minutes of July 21, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Mills excused absent. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:**
No report.

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

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| Fires in the City: 1 | Fires in the County: 1 |
| Hazardous Condition in City: 4 | Hazardous Condition in County: 1 |
| Law Enforcement Support in City: 1 | |
| Medical Calls in City: 14 | |
| Non Emergency Calls in City: 14 | Non Emergency Calls in County: 1 |
| Rescue in City: 1 | |
| Public Service Calls in City: 8 | Public Service Calls in County: 1 |
| Total Calls: 47 | |

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**
Council Member Fawkes reported that Municipal Services crews are currently spraying the primary streets and around the schools for weeds. School crosswalks will need to be painted prior to school starting.

The airport was briefly shut down due to heat related issues on the runway; those issues were fixed within a few hours and the runway was reopened.

Council Member Varner gave the following Stormwater Tip:

Choose your chemicals wisely!! Lawn fertilizer and pesticides can wash across pavement and down drains, taking toxins with them. Where stormwater flows, everything goes!
Council Member Fawkes said crews have also been working on sidewalks, particularly on Arrow and on Vest.

**PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:**
Council Member Sherman reported that as of July 31st, revenue stands at $14,018,994 or 96.54% of budgeted amounts and expenditures stand at $15,206,955 or 98% of budgeted amounts. The Police Department received $4,080.96 in grant monies during July. We are gearing up for year-end and looking great. The Finance Committee has been meeting with Department Heads regarding the 2026-2027 Budget.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**
City Administrator JD Kehrman said the buckling of the runway at the Airport was due to heat. Our Airport Engineer will be here tomorrow to look at the runway.

The proposed ordinance providing for vacant property registrations will be presented to Council later in the meeting. There are 3 primary areas that were revised and updated. Those items are Statement of Intent, Fee Structure and Re-occupancy.

Mr. Kehrman said the property on Ridgecrest has had some work done. A court date has been set, however, more citations were issued this week.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**
Mayor Thompson reported he signed a proclamation on July 31st for Saline County Breastfeeding Awareness Week 2026.

**BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Disa Farris, resident, said she appreciates the update regarding the Ridgecrest property. She said once some of the debris was removed more issues have been revealed. She provided pictures of the property. She said this is the most progress in 27 years and she is grateful for that. She reminded Council the owner will relapse if left alone.

Mike Shipp, resident, said he would like to reiterate what Disa said. He indicated there could be potential liability on the City's part.

Carol Wolf, resident, said she was sad that there was no community celebration for America's 250th Anniversary.

**LAGERS EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION**

Mayor Thompson said the Council needs to elect an Employer Representative to attend the LAGERS Annual Meeting on October 29th & 30th. The employees will elect a delegate to attend the meeting as the Employee Representative.

Council Member Simmons said he would like to attend.

Council Member Gibson made a motion, seconded by Allen, to nominate Council Member Simmons as the Employer Representative. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Mills excused absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO GLENWOOD EQUITIES, INC., OR ITS ASSIGNEE; APPROVING A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS" 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 Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Sherman, Varner and Simmons voting aye; Mills 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. 8944.

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Papreck, seconded by Gibson. A roll call vote was taken with Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Sherman, Varner and Simmons voting aye; Mills 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. 8945.

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 Simmons, seconded by Varner. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons and Papreck voting aye; Mills 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. 8946.

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 Papreck, seconded by Sherman. A roll call vote was taken with Fawkes, Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons, Papreck and Gibson voting aye; Mills 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. 8947.

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 first reading by title only.
Marshall Municipal Utilities General Manager said this task order relates to filter belt press replacement.

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

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 first reading by title only.

City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy said the ordinance is based upon Council's discussions with the developer and is one of the steps in the process.

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

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 first reading by title only.

City Administrator JD Kehrman explained several changes that the ordinance focuses on such as a statement of intent, performance benchmarks and the fee structure. The ordinance should strengthen the City's process relating to vacant or abandoned properties.

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

Ordinance No. 8948 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 Gibson. A roll call vote was taken with Gibson, Fawkes, Allen, Sherman, Varner, Simmons

and Papreck voting aye; Mills 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 Varner made a motion, seconded by Allen, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Mills excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Julie A. Lewis
City Clerk