

Regular Meeting  
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-April 13, 2026

Members of the Governing Body of the City of Marysville were called to order in the regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the date and place noted above with Mayor Frye in the chair. City Administrator Haverkamp, City Attorney Sunderland, and City Clerk Ralph were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following council members: Keating, Snellings, Reinhart, Schrater, Throm, Beikman, and Ferris. CM Goracke was absent. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the March 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE.** Micheal Pisl, Ward 4, updated council on his Eagle Scout project at the aquatic center. He reported the masonry is finished and next they will set the trusses.
2. **CAT CONCERNS.** Ray Marquardt, 303 Laramie, Ward 3, voiced his concerns about the cat population in Marysville. Mayor Frye and CA Haverkamp spoke of the TNR (trap neuter return) program the city is working on getting put into place to help control the population.

**NOTICES AND HEARINGS:**

**BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **BLUE & GOLD TRACTOR SHOW REQUEST.** Isaac Hight, Marysville High School FFA member, and sponsor Skylar Piepho presented a request to council for the Blue & Gold Truck & Tractor show Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are requesting use of the City Park and camper spots to be blocked off. CM Reinhart moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **FOOD TRUCK MONDAY REQUEST.** Ben Throm, OneMarysville, presented a request to allow food trucks to set up on Mondays on Broadway Street. This initiative would operate in addition to the current Food Truck Fridays. After council discussion CM Keating moved to allow food trucks to set up in the 600<sup>th</sup> block of Broadway on Mondays. CM Snellings seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **AQUATIC CENTER POOL BREAK POLICY CHANGE.** Marysville Aquatic Center Manager Courtney Porter presented a proposed policy change to break times at the pool. Management requested two 15-minute breaks at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily for the 2026 season as a trial period. After council discussion CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **AQUATIC CENTER POOL PARTY POLICY CHANGE.** Marysville Aquatic Center Manager Courtney Porter presented a proposed policy change for pool parties. Management requested that management in coordination with City Administration have the authority to approve pool parties outside of traditional pool party hours as well as special requests except in the case of request for waived fees or large community events. After council discussion CM Beikman moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **STREET REPLACEMENT BIDS.** Bids were presented for the 2026 Street Projects including Jenkins Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Elm Street to Broadway Street, and an add on of the lower 340' of Dawson Drive. All projects were bid as replacing with concrete. AHRS Construction bid \$467,700 for the Jenkins Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street portion and \$148,355 for the Dawson Drive portion. Inline Construction bid \$513,776 for the Jenkins Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street portion and \$170,976 for the Dawson Drive portion. CM Keating reported the Street Committee had met to discuss the bids and recommended to hold off on these smaller street projects in order to do larger projects in the future. They also discussed taking on short term debt to get more blocks of streets done at one time, looking into more grant funding, and putting together a 25-year plan for street projects. After council discussion concerning the condition of these streets and other streets in town CM Snellings moved to table this item until the next meeting and send it back to the Street Committee for further discussion. CM Beikman seconded the motion. CA Haverkamp advised that the bid from AHRS would expire the day before the next council meeting and there was no expiration listed on the Inline bid so he will follow up with them. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **ORDINANCE 1952 – EXPANDING THE COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA.** Ordinance 1952 expanding the common consumption area was presented. This would add the 700<sup>th</sup> block between Elm Street and Walnut Street to the common consumption area when the license is renewed in May. After council discussion CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve ordinance 1952. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **ORDINANCE 1953 – SIGN PERMIT FEE REMOVAL.** Ordinance 1953 removing fees for sign permits was presented. After council discussion CM Snellings moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve ordinance 1953. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **POLICY A-108 – UPDATING FOOD TRUCK FEES.** Policy A-108 updating food truck fees to included up to three 3-day licenses per year per food truck for \$25 per license was presented. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve policy A-108. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **TRAFFIC STUDY – 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET CORRIDOR.** Traffic study agreements for a traffic study at Center Street (Highway 36) and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street from BG Consultants and E & A Consulting Group were presented. CA Haverkamp advised he had been in contact with KDOT and previous studies the city had in this area were sufficient for the TA Grant the trail group was applying for to complete the Blue River Rail Trail north on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He recommended not moving forward with a traffic study at this time. CM Keating moved; CM Throm seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

*CM Keating exited the council chambers at 8:08 p.m.*

10. **ANIMAL SHELTER DISCUSSION.** A layout for a new animal shelter in the location of the current animal shelter, 1701 Spring Street, was presented to council. CA Haverkamp asked for council guidance on size and location for the proposed shelter as well as approval to work with an architect or engineer on drawing up plans for the shelter which is required by the Unified Land Development Code the city has adopted. After council discussion on need, location, materials, and features, CM Snellings moved to authorize CA Haverkamp to work with an engineer to draw plans

for the animal shelter at the current location, approximately 24'x40' in size, constructed of concrete block. CM Scharter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA.** The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. The City Clerk's Report for March showed \$28,220.82 collected in receipts with a like amount being deposited with the City Treasurer.
2. Cash balances in funds were presented as well as outstanding debt and receivable balances. Revenue/Expenditure Budget Reports through March 2026 showed unadjusted accumulated revenues in the General Fund of \$1,771,256 or 55% of budget; Water Revenue Fund, \$295,280 or 25% of budget, Sewer Revenue Fund, \$309,940 or 29% of budget. The unadjusted statement of expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$697,028 or 20% of budget, Water Revenue Fund, \$264,025 or 18% of budget, and Sewer Revenue Fund, \$244,798 or 18% of budget.
3. The Municipal Judge's Report for March showed \$5,232.32 being deposited with the City Treasurer and \$258.50 being forwarded to the State Treasurer for Judicial Branch Education, court costs and law enforcement training.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3870**

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$152,492.03; Water Revenue Fund, \$18,283.67; Sewer Revenue Fund, \$9,260.58; Library Revolving Fund, \$7,964.80; Library Fund, \$8,149.69; Library Employee Benefit Fund, \$4,101.82; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$26,964.82; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$2,045.54; Employee Benefit Fund, \$15,806.26; Transient Guest Tax, \$47.33; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$5,593.01 making a total of \$250,709.55.
2. An appropriations ordinance was introduced and considered to honor claims against the funds of the City as audited by the Finance Committee. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$250,709.55.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 6-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3870.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. **COPS PARTNERSHIP.** CA Haverkamp reported the Marysville Police Department's partnership with the COPS program is coming to an end as the review has been completed and a report is being finalized.
2. **GRANT UPDATES.** CA Haverkamp reported staff is working on some grant applications for the Fire Department as well as the BRIC grant to replace a storm siren.
3. **STAFF INTERVIEWS.** CA Haverkamp reported staff has been conducting interviews for the Code Enforcement position and the Deputy Clerk position.

4. **MEMORIAL DAY CROSSES.** CA Haverkamp reported that the Cemetery Department in conjunction with a legion group have been working on redoing the Memorial Day crosses for the cemetery.
5. **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS.** CA Haverkamp reported he is in conversation with Charge Point, the company the current electric car charging station was purchased from, to get pricing on another faster charging station. Mayor Frye stated the City of Belleville had recently received a NEVI grant to install a new electric car charging station and encouraged staff to look into that program. CA Haverkamp also stated there is a possible rebate program through Evergy. CM Schrater questioned if the city could start charging money for use of the current charging station.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **ADMIN FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Committee Member Schrater reported the committee had discussed outdoor dining downtown. Current business owners are exploring options to add outdoor dining in the street. The committee would like to meet with these business owners when they have more information. He also reported that putting the animal shelter in Hedstrom Hall was discussed. The fact that the sewer main would have to be extended increased the cost of the project significantly so the committee did not think it was a viable option. Everything else had already been discussed during business and discussion.
2. **STREET COMMITTEE.** Committee Member Throm reported everything discussed at the Street Committee meeting had already been discussed in business and discussion.
3. **PARKS & REC COMMITTEE.** Committee Chairperson Throm reported donations, Dargatz Park improvements, and possible grant funding were discussed at the Parks & Rec Committee meeting. Mayor Frye mentioned that using the Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund for other recreational related improvements was also discussed. He referred this matter to CA Sunderland to research the original wording of the ballot and ordinance to see if the fund could be used for this purpose.
4. **POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE.** Committee Chairperson Reinhart reported that the Police & Fire Committee had met with the Fire Chiefs to discuss increasing wages. The committee recommended a \$3 per call increase to all wages, to consider a COLA wage increase for the Fire Department, and to pay firefighters for every three hours they are out on a call. More information will be gathered as to how this will affect the budget, and this will be brought back to the committee. A vehicle for the Fire Chief was also discussed. The committee recommended transferring the Police Department's Expedition that they were going to surplus to the Fire Department for a chief vehicle with the proper upfitting being done. CA Haverkamp advised if the council was in agreement administration could take care of this. There were no objections from the council. CM Beikman suggested the city help provide meals when the firefighters are out on long calls. CA Haverkamp suggested working with the ladies auxiliary and county on this.
5. **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye reported the YAC met and discussed a logo for the YAC, drive in movie nights, and the next meeting was set for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. He asked the council if they had any discussion topics for the YAC. CM Reinhart suggested asking them for food truck preferences that might draw youth to these events. Mayor Frye mentioned working on an entrepreneurship program with the school and local businesses. CM

Reinhart asked about adding school zone signage and speed limit signs around all of the schools. Mayor Frye stated he and some YAC members would be meeting with the school board to further discuss the crossing guard program. The school board is concerned about liability issues. He also encouraged continued research on funding sources for pedestrian signals and bump outs on Center Street near 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Using the Police Department sign board and an increased Police presence was also discussed.

#### **APPOINTMENTS & WAGE DETERMINATION:**

##### **CITY ATTORNEY:**

CA Sunderland reported he had been working on the documents for the sale of the Koester Block Commercial Buildings. Closing is set for Thursday. Mayor Frye asked that he move forward with easements in the area of 12<sup>th</sup> Road and Keystone Road for the future road project in that area.

##### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Frye asked if there was a need for an executive session. At 9:08 p.m., CM Throm moved the city council recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, discussion on specific personnel matters, not general personnel policies, exception KSA 75-4319 (B) (1). This session will include the Mayor and City Council. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 9:23 p.m. CM Snellings, seconded. Motion carried unanimously. At 9:23 p.m., the council reconvened. Mayor Frye reported no binding decisions were made.

##### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- 1. UPDATE ON CONDEMNATION.** CM Snellings asked for an update on the condemnation at 904 May Street. CA Haverkamp reported that the owner had contacted staff and will be coming to the next council meeting with an update.
- 2. CLEAN UP AROUND LAGOONS.** CM Snellings asked if the City could clean up the property near the lagoons. Cedar trees are starting to regrow in an area that was previously cleaned up. CA Haverkamp will follow up.
- 3. SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.** CM Reinhart asked that the city consider installing digital speed limit signs near St. Gregory's School before the next school year.
- 4. DEBBIE LANE REPAIR.** CM Reinhart asked if the city was satisfied with the patch job done by a contractor on Debbie Lane. CA Haverkamp said the matter had been forwarded to City Prosecutor Westbrook. The Police Department will follow up.
- 5. REFUND SIGN PERMIT FEES.** CM Schrater asked that the city council consider refunding sign permit fees charged so far this year since the ordinance was just changed to eliminate those fees.
- 6. POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE.** CM Schrater asked that the Police & Fire Committee meet to further discuss the Fire Department wages. Mayor Frye asked that the traffic concerns also be discussed with the Police Chief at that meeting.
- 7. THANK YOU, FIRST RESPONDERS.** CM Schrater thanked all the first responders that helped with the recent flooding.

8. **PONY EXPRESS HISTORIC BYWAY.** CA Haverkamp reported that the dedication ceremony for the Pony Express Historic Byway was recently held at Hollenberg Station. Marysville is now included in this byway and hopefully that will bring more tourists to town.
9. **FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY.** CM Throm asked about the progress on a fire damaged property on South 14<sup>th</sup> Street. CA Haverkamp will have staff follow up.
10. **WETLAND REPAIRS.** CM Throm asked about the status of the wetlands repairs. CA Haverkamp reported that staff and the engineer are still working with the bond company. CM Throm stated that he didn't think the next phase of the project should begin until this was resolved. This issue was referred to CA Sunderland.
11. **VACANT PROPERTY.** CM Throm voiced concerns about a vacant property on Center Street. He stated last year they let the weeds grow and questioned if it could be condemned or other legal action taken to get it cleaned up. This issue was referred to CA Sunderland.
12. **CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS.** CM Throm shared he had people approach him that would like to help clean up the city such as the hill on lower/upper 9<sup>th</sup> Street and questioned how they would go about that. CA Haverkamp advised they can contact city hall to fill out the volunteer waiver and coordinate with staff. Mayor Frye suggested purchasing reflective vests for volunteers.
13. **GOLF CART ORDINANCE.** CM Beikman reported he would like to look at the UTV ordinance to make an exemption for golf carts crossing the highway at 11<sup>th</sup> Road to fill up with gas. CA Sunderland advised that federal law prohibits golf carts on highways so an exemption could not be made. UTVs driving on highways were questioned. CA Sunderland will follow up.
14. **PLUMBERS LICENSES.** CM Beikman questioned the need to have out of town plumbers licensed with the city if they were already licensed with another city. He was advised each city has its own regulations for plumbing, electrical, etc. so plumbers are required to be licensed and bonded with the City of Marysville.
15. **DOWNTOWN TRASHCANS.** CM Ferris asked if more trashcans could be added on the streets off of Broadway in the Common Consumption Area.
16. **COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP.** Mayor Frye would like the governing body and staff to have a communications work session to improve communication with the community. He has been researching this with the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Public Information Officers. CM Beikman encouraged the Mayor to continue his spot on KNDY radio and CA Haverkamp to continue his coffee with the city administrator.
17. **ADMIN FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye stated that an Admin Finance Committee meeting will need to be set up in early May to discuss the City Administrator evaluation.

There being no further business, at 9:51 p.m. CM Schrater moved to adjourn; CM Snellings seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph  
City Clerk