

Regular Meeting  
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-December 22, 2025

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 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, Goracke, Beikman, and Ferris. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 8-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. **SUPPORT FOR COUNTY AGREEMENTS.** Mike Miller with the Partnership for Growth encouraged the council to approve the two Interlocal Agreements with Marshall County for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Infill Housing Program. He also gave an update on the spec house that Partnership for Growth is planning to build in Frankfort.

**MAYOR'S COLORING CONTEST WINNERS.**

1. **COLORING CONTEST WINNERS.** Mayor Frye announced the winners of the Mayor's Coloring Contest for the Holiday Season. Certificates, gift cards, and candy bags compliments of the Marysville Mercantile were presented to the following winners: Emily Orr, Lakyn Smith, Jax Scrivo, Avery Hawkins, Sutton Simmons, Everlee Byers, and Ryanne O'Donnell.

**BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **COLA RAISES.** CA Haverkamp presented a recommendation from the Admin/Finance Committee for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 3% for all city employees effective January 7<sup>th</sup>. After council discussion CM Beikman moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the 3% COLA adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **AUDIT PROPOSALS.** Three audit proposals were presented as follows: Shipley CPA, LLC in the amount of \$16,000 for year 2025, \$16,500 for year 2026, and \$16,900 for year 2027 with the option of a single audit, if required in the amount of \$5,000 per year; Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC in the amount of \$14,000 per year with the option of a single audit, if required in the amount of \$4,000 per year; and James Gordon & Associates CPA, P.A. in the amount of \$17,000 for year 2025, \$17,500 for year 2026, and \$18,500 for year 2027 with the option of a single audit, if required in the amount of \$5,000 per year. It was noted the city has worked with all these companies and staff has had positive experiences with each of them; Varney & Associates is the city's current auditor. CM Goracke reported that the Admin/Finance Committee had discussed the proposals and recommending Varney & Associates with the low, flat bid and working relationship they currently have with the city. After council discussion CM Keating moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the low bid from Varney & Associates in the amount of \$14,000 per year with the option of a single audit, if needed in the amount of \$4,000 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

**NOTICES AND HEARINGS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA.** The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Schrater moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 8-0. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Agland Service Agreement renewal.
2. 2026 CMB License – The Korner Bistro & Diner, LLC, Megan Esslinger.
3. Interlocal Agreement with Marshall County – Infill Housing.
4. Interlocal Agreement with Marshall County – Neighborhood Revitalization.

**APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3862**

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$150,300.42; Water Revenue Fund, \$47,666.12; Sewer Revenue Fund, \$64,509.51; Street & Highway Fund, \$63,582.00; Sewage Replacement Fund, \$529,507.10; Library Revolving Fund, \$15,096.73; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$1,978.32; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$193.11; Employee Benefit Fund, \$68,998.50; Transient Guest Tax Fund, \$69.54; Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund, \$41,000.00; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$151,404.82 making a total of \$1,134,306.17.
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 \$1,134,306.17.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 8-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3862.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. **PROJECT UPDATES.** CA Haverkamp updated the council on ongoing projects. The 15<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Project is substantially completed. Seeding needs to be done and then it will be ready for a walk through. The 11<sup>th</sup> Road Project is ready for a walk through. The contractor will come back in the spring to seed, finish fixing driveways, and the bump in the road. The contractor has begun pouring concrete on the first half of the Highway 77 South project.
2. **POOL UPDATES.** CA Haverkamp reported that Manhattan Energy had been at the swimming pool last week looking at the slides and other projects that need completed before pool season.
3. **ONE WAY ON ALSTON STREET.** CA Haverkamp reported the new one way on Alston Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street is now marked. Staff have communicated with the elementary school as well as residents in the area.
4. **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS.** CA Haverkamp wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **ADMIN/FINANCE COMMITTEE.** CM Goracke, chair of the Admin/Finance Committee, reported on their meetings from December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee discussed the possible need to build a new animal shelter for longer term holding of dogs as the local vet no longer has the capacity to hold them for the city. Location, staffing, and funding options were discussed. This

will be an ongoing discussion. Expanding the common consumption area to include the area from the west side of 7<sup>th</sup> street south to the north side of Walnut Street, the north side of Walnut Street to the east side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and the east side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street north to Elm Street was discussed. This would allow the area where campers park during the Big Blue Barbeque and the current location for food truck Fridays to be included in the CCA. The audit proposals were discussed, and a recommendation of Varney & Associates was made. The COLA adjustment for employees was also discussed and a recommendation of 3% was made.

2. **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye reported that the Youth Advisory Committee met and discussed crossing guards on Center Street, the one way on Alston Street, parking on Center Street, the 7<sup>th</sup> Street corridor project, updating the parks, and potential changes to the YAC. The YAC will address the school board about the crossing guards. They suggested adding a bottle filler at City Park. Mayor Frye challenged each of the YAC members to bring one discussion topic to their next meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He also challenged the council members to each bring one discussion topic for the YAC to the first council meeting in January.

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

#### **CITY ATTORNEY:**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. **STREET COMMITTEE MEETING.** CM Keating would like to schedule a Street Committee meeting after the first of the year to discuss future improvements to 12<sup>th</sup> Road and Jayhawk Road. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays.
2. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS.** CM Snellings wished everyone Happy Holidays.
3. **ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION.** CM Reinhart said the same car has been at the charging station quite frequently and she was asked if there was a time limit on charging. CA Haverkamp replied there is not a time limit, and it is a slower charging station so it takes several hours to fully charge a car.
4. **SHOP LOCAL, HAPPY HOLIDAYS.** CM Reinhart wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. She also thanked all of the local merchants; she was able to do her Christmas shopping in town this year.
5. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.** CM Scharter wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. He also suggested having a yard of the month contest or holiday lighting contest for more community involvement.
6. **STORM SEWER PROJECT COMPLETE.** CM Schrater said the first major storm sewer project was completed. This was the purpose of creating the Storm Water Fund.
7. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS.** CM Throm, CM Goracke, and CM Ferris wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and safe travels.
8. **DOGS KEPT ON LEASH.** CM Beikman reminded everyone dogs must be kept on a leash and be tagged with the city.

9. **DOG TAG NUMBERS TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE.** CM Reinhart asked if the dog tag list could be sent to the Sheriff's office in March.
10. **COLORING CONTESTS.** Mayor Frye congratulated all the coloring contest winners. He thanked the Marysville Mercantile for donating the bags of candy for the winners and was glad that we could get the gift cards for the winners at the Mercantile and Minnie's Kitchen to support local businesses. The Mayor's idea for the Spring coloring contest is to involve the High School students as well and have a contest to design a new city flag and logo. CM Reinhart questioned why the flags on the bridge weren't up year-round and wondered about taking donations of flags or monetary donations to purchase flags to allow them to be kept up year-round. Mayor Frye also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business, at 8:00 p.m., CM Throm moved to recess the meeting to December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.; CM Schrater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Governing Body were called to order in an adjourned session at 1:00 p.m. on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Frye in the chair. CM Keating, CM Reinhart, CM Schrater, CM Goracke, and CM Ferris were present. CA Haverkamp and CC Ralph were also present.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3863**

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$113,814.76; Water Revenue Fund, \$8,854.68; Sewer Revenue Fund, \$7,737.87; Library Revolving Fund, \$7,279.05; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$25.10; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$260.68; Employee Benefit Fund, \$15,912.54; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$55.50 making a total of \$153,940.18.
2. An appropriations ordinance was introduced and considered to honor claims against the funds of the City as audited by the Finance Committee. CM Schrater moved; CM Ferris seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$153,940.18.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 5-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3863.

There being no further business at 1:01 p.m. CM Schrater moved; CM Goracke seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph  
City Clerk