

Regular Meeting  
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-February 23, 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, Goracke, Beikman, and Ferris. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the February 9<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.

CM Schrater moved; CM Snellings seconded to add business and discussion item number 12 Resolution 2026-01 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. **MARYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE.** Mandy Cook, Marysville Public Library director, updated council on upcoming events at the library. The library is also working on strategic planning and welcome's everyone's input.

**BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – LIONS PARK.** Robert Clemo presented a request to paint line on the basketball courts at Lion's Park for his Eagle Scout Project. After discussion of types of paint and who would purchase the supplies CM Beikman moved; CM Goracke seconded to approve the request with the city providing materials and guidance. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **AUDIT REPORT.** April Swartz, Varney & Associate, presented the city's 2024 financial audit report and single audit report. The report was clean. She noted it was late due to government shuts downs, and they have already started on the 2025 audit.
3. **COPS EVALUATION OVERVIEW.** Lieutenant James Leis and Officer Debbrina Johnson of the Marysville Police Department updated council on the COPS evaluation currently being done on the department.
4. **CITY PROSECUTOR CONTRACT.** A new contract for the current City Prosecutor Aaron Westbrook was presented to council. He is asking to increase his hourly rate to \$200 per hour from \$175 per hour and add an hourly rate of \$125 for his paralegal. CM Reinhart moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **FOOD TRUCK REQUEST - MCAC.** Wayne Kruse representing MCAC, presented a request to council to allow two food trucks near the Lee Dam Center for Fine Art on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. After council discussion CM Schrater moved; CM Goracke seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **RFP 2026 STREET PROJECTS.** A Request for Proposal for 2026 street projects was presented. The RFP included Jenkins Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Elm Street to Broadway, and an add on of the lower 340' of Dawson Drive all to be done in concrete. After council discussion CM Keating moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the RFP. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **CODE ENFORCEMENT JOB DESCRIPTION.** A job description for the Code Enforcement position was presented at the recommendation of the Admin/Finance Committee. CM Beikman

moved to approve the job description as presented. Motion died due to lack of a second. After council discussion CM Snellings moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the job description after removing the first two marginal functions and moving the other marginal functions to essential functions. Motion carried 7-1 with CM Keating voting no.

8. **CODE ENFORCEMENT PAY SCALE.** A pay range of Pay Range 7 which has a pay range of \$17.04 to \$28.01 per hour was presented. After council discussion Beikman moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the pay range as presented. Motion carried 7-1 with CM Keating voting no.
9. **SARGENT DRILLING WELL #10 QUOTE.** A quote from Sargent Drilling to repair the pump at Well #10 in the amount of \$15,396.00 was presented. CM Keating moved; CM Snelling seconded to approve the quote. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT GROUP AGREEMENT & IRB EXTENSION.** An agreement between the City and Broadway Lofts LLC, Tyler Holloman, and Frontier Development group for the purchase of the Koester Block Commercial Buildings was presented. The purchase price in the agreement was set at \$10,000.00. Council asked that the brick walkway between the Koester Museum and the Commercial buildings as well as the alley behind the Commercial buildings be left property of the city. Staff will have a survey done to update the legal description by eliminating those areas. Mr. Holloman was in agreement. After further discussion CM Keating moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the agreement contingent on the survey and easements being drawn up. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Holloman then requested that council extend the IRB with bond council for 1 year. CM Schrater moved; CM Goracke seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **PUBLIC ELECTRICAL USE DISCUSSION.** At the recommendation of the Admin/Finance Committee a discussion concerning public use of city electricity was put on the agenda. There have been several complaints of an electric car charging in the camper parking at City Park. CA Sunderland had advised an ordinance could be written prohibiting certain uses of city electricity or restricting usage of electricity in certain areas. After council discussion more research and information were requested.
12. **RESOLUTION 2026-01.** Resolution 2026-01 in support of connecting the Blue River Rail Trail from Broadway to the trailhead at North Street was presented. CM Snellings moved; CM Ferris seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NOTICES AND HEARINGS:**

##### **CONSENT AGENDA.**

1. Alcohol Consumption Request, Lee Dam Center, May 22, 2026, rehearsal dinner – Nicole Bohlken
2. Alcohol Consumption Request, Lee Dam Center, March 7, 2026, MCAC Trivia Night Fund Raiser – Wayne Kruse
3. Alcohol Consumption Request, Lee Dam Center, April 10, 2026, MCAC Janet Robinson Concert – Wayne Kruse

#### **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3867**

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$128,257.30; Water Revenue Fund, \$42,320.35; Sewer Revenue Fund, \$42,636.66; Street & Highway Fund, \$11,500.79; Sewage Replacement Fund, \$328,253.15; Bond & Interest Account

#1A, \$68,793.63; Library Revolving Fund, \$15,215.64; Library Fund, \$153,016.35; Library Employee Benefit Fund, \$77,645.98; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$140.00; Special Parks Fund, \$3,600.00; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$272.25; Employee Benefit Fund, \$44,842.58; Transient Guest Tax Fund, \$5,121.04; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$34,840.00 making a total of \$956,455.72.

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 Snellings seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$956,455.72.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 8-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3867.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

1. **UPDATE OFFICER JOHNSON.** CA Haverkamp reported Police Officer Debbрина Johnson recently completed her FTO and is now patrolling on her own.
2. **ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE.** CA Haverkamp reported used kennels had been purchased for the potential new animal shelter.
3. **SINK HOLES.** CA Haverkamp reported the Water Department has been working on the list of sink holes in the storm sewer.
4. **POLICE CHIEF ESCALANTE TRAINING.** CA Haverkamp pointed out the challenge coins at each member's seat sent by Chief Escalante. He will be graduating from the FBI National Academy in March.
5. **COPS ASSESSMENT.** CA Haverkamp reported the COPS office has been here doing an assessment and a report will be given once complete.

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

1. **ADMIN FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Topics from the Admin/Finance Committee meeting were covered earlier in the meeting.

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

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

CA Sunderland reported he had been working on the agreement presented earlier in the meeting, scholarship research, reviewing the demolition ordinance, and the City Administrator contract.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Frye asked if there was a need for an executive session. At 8:42 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, City Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 9:00 p.m. CM Goracke, seconded. Motion carried unanimously. At 9:00 p.m., the council reconvened. Mayor Frye reported no binding decisions were made.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. **STREET COMMITTEE MEEETING.** CM Keating reported that Hall Brothers was available for an informal meeting concerning road surfaces on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. A Street Committee meeting will be set for that date and time at City Hall.
2. **SIGN PERMIT FEES.** CM Snellings questioned if sign permit fees could be reevaluated. The Admin/Finance committee will review this as a possible incentive for businesses.
3. **CITY HALL FLAGPOLE.** CM Reinhart asked if a flag could be flown outside City Hall again as it is a government building. CA Haverkamp reported placement hadn't been decided yet.
4. **ESSAY CONTEST.** CM Reinhart noticed in a league email that there had been an essay contest for students and wondered if that was something we could offer.
5. **COMMUNITY AFTER HOURS.** CM Reinhart wondered if a community after hours could be held for citizens to ask questions about water/sewer bills.
6. **STREETLIGHT IN HOMETOWN ADDITION.** CM Keating reported on of the Street Lights in the Hometown Addition was flashing. Staff will follow up.
7. **WATER QUALITY.** CM Schrater reported he has recently stayed in Guthrie, OK. The water smelled like fish, and he was informed it was pulled from a lake. He complimented the City of Marysville's water quality
8. **WATER ADDITIVES.** CM Beikman asked if CA Haverkamp could highlight the water process and what was added to city water. CA Haverkamp reported chlorine is the only thing the City of Marysville adds to the water. CM Beikman mentioned the City of Emporia had won awards for their water.
9. **ZONING QUESTION.** CM Beikman asked the zoning at the County Club and wondered if storage containers could be used to store golf carts there. Storage containers are only allowed if grandfathered in or for temporary construction use.
10. **FDG PROJECT.** CM Ferris said she enjoyed hearing the discussion on Frontier Development Group's project in the Koester Block.
11. **WATER TEST LIST.** CM Schrater reported citizens can volunteer to be added to the City's daily water test list. The City must do daily tests for different things, in different areas of town and these can usually be accomplished with an outside faucet eliminating the need for personnel to go into your home.
12. **WATER QUALITY.** Mayor Frye reported on the condition of other cities' water and the higher quality of Marysville's water.
13. **HIGHWAY PROJECT.** Mayor Frye asked if the highway project on 10<sup>th</sup> Street/Highway 77 is on schedule. CA Haverkamp reported it was. He also mentioned the traffic arrow for eastbound traffic at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street stoplight comes on every time it changes.

There being no further business, at 9:23 p.m., CM Goracke moved to adjourn; CM Snellings seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph  
City Clerk