

Regular Meeting  
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-January 26, 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 and City Clerk Ralph were also present. City Attorney Sunderland joined via Zoom.

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 January 12<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.

The minutes from the January 19<sup>th</sup> special 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. **7<sup>TH</sup> STREET CORRIDOR.** Maureen Crist, 1129 Juniper Road, Ward 3, representing the Blue River Rail Trail Steering Committee updated the council on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project. Committee members had met with the Secretary of Commerce, David Toland, and Representative Lisa Moser in Topeka and received positive feedback. Possible grants have been identified, and grant writing has begun. They also plan to start fundraising for the cost of the grant writer as well as matching funds for grants.
2. **MARYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE.** Lesa Dierking representing the Marysville Public Library updated council on upcoming events at the library as well as statistics from 2025. Program attendance, library visits, and circulation were all up in 2025.

**BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **FOOD TRUCK REQUEST.** Caitlyn Graham, Blue River Eyecare, presented a request to block parking spaces in front of their building at 709 Broadway for a food truck during their Trunk Show event on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. CM Schrater moved; CM Goracke seconded to approve the request with the city providing cones or barricades. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **PATRIOT'S FLAG MURAL MOSAIC REQUEST.** April Spicer, OneMarysville, presented a request to purchase a mural mosaic kit and supplies for America's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. After council discussion CM Throm moved; CM Scharter seconded to approve the request not to exceed \$6,500 to be funded from the Transient Guest Tax Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **ONEMARYSVILLE REQUEST – JEFF SIEGLER.** A request from Wayne Kruse, OneMarysville, for \$5,000 to help fund consultant Jeff Siegler's visit to Marysville March 23-27, 2026, was presented. CM Snellings moved; CM Scharter seconded to approve the request. After discussion as to how much the total cost was, who else was contributing, and how much, CM Snellings amended her motion to table this until the next council meeting. CM Schrater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **EASEMENT REQUEST.** An easement for communication systems from Blue Valley Telephone Company Inc was presented. The easement would be for a fiberoptic line to provide free Wi-Fi in City Park and run from 904 Walnut Street across Walnut Street and into the City Park. After council discussion CM Keating moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the easement. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **MOWER BIDS.** Dominic Cercone, Cemetery/Parks Supervisor, presented four quotes to replace two 72" lawn mowers. Quotes were as follows: Hustler Super Z Hyper Drive for \$15,330, Bobcat ZT 7000 for \$13,406, John Deere 970R for \$15,742, and Scar Turf Tiger 2 for \$16,149. CPS Cercone requested the purchase of one Bobcat ZT 7000 which was the low bid and one Hustler Super Z Hyperdrive which is a step up from the Hustler they currently have and have been very pleased with. After council discussion CM Keating moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the request for one Bobcat ZT 7000 and one Hustler Super Z Hyperdrive. Motion carried 7-0-1 with CM Beikman abstaining due to working for one of the suppliers.
6. **CONTRACT FOR SERVICE - LMI.** A contract for service between the City of Marysville and Western Consultants dba Governmental Assistance Services to conduct a random sample city-wide Low-to-Moderate Income survey was presented. CM Keating moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the contract with payment to be made from the Sales Tax Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **WELL #11 PUMP REPAIR.** An invoice from Sargent Drilling for pump repairs at Well #11 was presented. CA Haverkamp informed council this was an emergency repair. After council discussion CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA.**

#### **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3865**

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$90,258.86; Water Revenue Fund, \$65,159.64; Sewer Revenue Fund, \$83,385.40; Bond & Interest Account #1, \$9,450.00; Library Revolving Fund, \$15,130.33; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$212.00; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$523.55; Employee Benefit Fund, \$44,758.19; Transient Guest Tax Fund, \$63.31; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$34,242.16 making a total of \$343,183.44.
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 \$343,183.44.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 8-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3865.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

1. **ANIMAL SHELTER VISITS.** CA Haverkamp reported staff and members of the Admin/Finance Committee had recently visited some animal shelters to gather information to potentially build a shelter within the City of Marysville. Information will be presented to the Admin/Finance Committee.
2. **SNOW REMOVAL.** CA Haverkamp reported city staff has been busy with snow removal.

3. **KMIT GOLD STAR.** CA Haverkamp reported the city received the KMIT (Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust) gold star which is the highest safety rating with our work comp provider and gets the city the max possible discount on our rate.
4. **WATER LEAKS.** CM Reinhart asked if there were water leaks lately. CA Haverkamp reported there had been four water leaks in the cold weather, most likely due to the cold.

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

1. **STREET COMMITTEE.** CM Keating, chairperson of the Street Committee, reported on their recent meeting. Items on the call were long term planning for the Keystone and 12<sup>th</sup> Road area and other major projects for 2026. Discussion on the 12<sup>th</sup> Road and Keystone Road project was to begin planning stages by looking at drainage, gaining easements, and possible annexation. Road materials and education on these processes were also discussed. Hall Brothers has agreed to present information to the governing body as well as staff on how some of these processes work. The goal of the committee is to start the project in 2027. Projects identified as priorities for 2026 were 4<sup>th</sup> Street by the water shop, North Street by the Catholic Cemetery, Dawson Drive, and sections of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.** CM Goracke reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met and CM Throm was elected chairperson. The swimming pool was discussed. Manhattan Energy has been working on the slides and Nemo feature. There was discussion about changing out the bucket feature. Other items being worked on are the sheetrock in the men's restroom, painting, and sand filter replacement. CM Goracke will touch base with Dr. Haefele on the progress of altering the backstop and Feldhausen Field. It was also advised that the chain-link fence there needs attention. Dirt work on the red and black diamonds at Lakeview was also discussed. Modifying current bleachers to make them ADA compliant versus purchasing new was discussed. For two new sets of bleachers the cost would be in excess of \$57,000. Adding a water fountain/bottle filler and a new storage building were also discussed for Lakeview. CM Snellings asked that they add the restrooms at Feldhausen Field to the possible improvements. Wi-Fi at the ballparks was also mentioned.
3. **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye reported that the Youth Advisory Committee met and discussed how new members will be chosen, the city logo/flag contest, attending conferences as well as other topics. Their next meeting will be on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station meeting room. Topics mentioned to add to their next agenda were internships or ride-a-longs with the city and the upcoming legislative forum on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. **ADMIN FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye asked that an Admin Finance Committee meeting be set up to discuss the City Administrator contract renewal, the animal shelter, and snow removal on sidewalks.

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

#### **CITY ATTORNEY:**

CA Sunderland joined the meeting via Zoom and reported he had been working on the contract presented earlier in the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. **GOOD CONVERSATIONS.** CM Keating said there were good conversations tonight.
2. **SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS.** CM Snellings said she had received complaints that the city's sidewalks were not cleared within 12 hours of the snow. Prioritizing and the possibility of contracting out some of the snow removal was discussed.
3. **SNOW ROUTES.** CM Reinhart asked that snow routes be prioritized and to get them done faster. She asked about the unresolved item of odd/even parking. Mayor Frye reported that it was discussed previously and enforcement and confusion were identified as possible issues.
4. **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION.** CM Schrater raised concerns that most citizens are not aware of how the Neighborhood Revitalization Program works. He feels the city needs to promote it more and look at their own incentive programs. CM Keating said that it is going to be a focus of Marshall County Partnership for Growth. It was decided to add incentives for citizens and businesses to the next Admin Finance Committee meeting.
5. **SNOW REMOVAL.** CM Schrater thanked everyone who worked on snow removal. CM Throm thanked the Street Department and everyone who helped with snow removal. CM Goracke also thanked the snow removal crews.
6. **PROPERTY TAX REBATES.** CM Beikman presented information on property tax rebate programs through the State of Kansas as well as some counties and cities in Kansas. Council recommendation was to add this to the next Admin Finance Committee meeting.
7. **EXTRA HOURS.** CM Ferris thanked everyone who worked extra hours to get the snow cleared.
8. **KOESTER COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE.** CM Schrater asked if the council could get an update on the project in the Koester block.
9. **SNOW REMOVAL.** Mayor Frye thanked everyone who helped with snow removal and reminded people to clear their sidewalks.
10. **CROSSING GUARD UPDATE.** Mayor Frye reported he met with the school district about the traffic issues around the school. They reported the new one way on Alston Street is going well and is much safer. Removing the parking space at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and Center Street has made that crosswalk safer. The school administration is taking the crossing guard program for Center Street to the school board for approval. High School students would take the after-school shift and civic organizations would do the morning shift. They plan to have crossing guards at 11<sup>th</sup> and Center and 10<sup>th</sup> and Center and possibly 12<sup>th</sup> and Center if they get enough volunteers. This program would begin after Spring break as a trial.

There being no further business, at 9:05 p.m., CM Keating moved to adjourn; CM Goracke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph  
City Clerk