

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-August 25, 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: Ferris, Behrens, Keating, Beikman, Throm, Schrater, and Goracke. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the August 11 regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Behrens seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **MARYSVILLE LIBRARY REPORT.** Mandy Cook, Library Director, updated council on the fall library programs that were starting, introduced new employee April Kruse, and shared other resources the library has to offer.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT POOL.** Michael PilsI reported to council on the storage shed he is building at the pool for his Eagle Scout Project. He has secured \$20,000 in donations and needs another \$20,000 to reach his goal and complete the project. He asked council if the city would be willing to donate to the project. CM Behrens moved; CM Goracke seconded to donate up to \$20,000 from the Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund to complete the project. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF UPOC SEC 10.6.** A request from Trail Life and American Heritage girls to temporarily suspend section 10.6 of the UPOC allowing them to shoot BB guns and bow and arrows for their recruitment night at the Country Club Lake September 3rd was presented. CM Behrens moved; CM Beikman seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **ORDINANCE 1948 - PARKING ON N 6TH STREET.** Ordinance 1948 restricting parking on N. 6th Street was presented. This would update section 14-208 of the city code to include no parking on the east side of Sixth Street from Calhoun Street to May Street. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **RESOLUTION 2025-15 NUISANCE 211 S 17TH.** Resolution 2025-15 to abate a nuisance at 211 S 17th Street was presented. CM Throm moved; CM Behrens seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **BIDS FOR ALLEY PROJECT BY CITY HALL.** Two bids to replace the alley by City Hall were presented: AHRs Construction, Inc at \$58,665.00 and Inline Construction at \$71,604.00. CA Haverkamp reported staff had spoken with property owners adjacent to the alley about sharing the cost and only a couple came forward and said they would pay half of their half. After council discussion CM Behrens moved; CM Scharter seconded to approve the low bid from AHRs Construction, Inc in the amount of \$58,665.00 to be paid from the Street & Highway Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

1. **REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING.** At 7:29 p.m. Mayor Frye opened the public hearing to exceed the revenue neutral rate. The revenue neutral rate set by the county was 62.710 mills for 2026. The proposed budget for 2026 is \$15,569,102 with \$2,845,777 in ad valorem tax. The proposed mill levy would be 68.418. Ellen Barber, Ward 2, outlined six reasons why she did not

think the city should exceed the revenue neutral rate: school tax, property taxes, increased water rates, hospital tax, jail, and the majority of the population being over 45 years old and on a fixed income. There being no further comments Mayor Frye closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. CM Behrens moved; CM Beikman seconded to approve Resolution 2025-16 levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried by a 6-1 vote. CM Goracke voting no.

2. **BUDGET HEARING.** At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Frye opened the public hearing. The proposed budget for 2026 is \$15,569,102 with \$2,845,777 in ad valorem tax. There being no public comments, Mayor Frye closed the hearing at 7:42 p.m. CM Throm moved; CM Behrens seconded to approve the 2026 budget. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA. The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Throm moved; CM Beikman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 7-0. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Alcohol consumption request-Kristi Scheele, Country Living, for an employee appreciation dinner at the Lee Dam Art Center on October 11, 2025.
2. Request for payment from R L Teimann Construction, Inc on the 11th Road South Improvement Project, Phase 3 in the amount of \$445,123.34.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3854

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$113,175.62; Water Revenue Fund, \$45,560.67; Sewer Revenue Fund, \$54,441.09; Sewage Replacement Fund, \$60,148.358; Economic Development Fund, \$348.00; Library Revolving Fund, \$12,259.28; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$25,964.93; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$40.72; Employee Benefit Fund, \$38,938.74; Transient Guest Tax Fund, \$75.43; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$41,883.00 making a total of \$392,836.06.
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 \$392,836.06. CM Keating asked if any of the water/sewer infrastructure was going to need to be moved on the 11th Road South Project. CA Haverkamp reported that staff and the contractor are working on a plan to move the sewer force main for ease of maintenance.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 7-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3854.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **2026 WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE.** CA Haverkamp reminded everyone that the second step of the water/sewer rate increase will take place in 2026 on the February bills. Staff will start using social media to remind the public of these increases.
2. **LEAD PIPE SURVEY LETTERS.** CA Haverkamp said a letter concerning the previous lead pipe survey will be sent out as a reminder. Anyone who hasn't filled out the survey or has answered

unknown needs to fill out the survey as accurately as possible. Until all surveys are completed and no lead is assumed the city will have to continue to send out letters.

3. **EMPLOYEE PICNIC.** CA Haverkamp reminded everyone that the employee picnic is coming up and to please RSVP by Friday. It will be on September 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
4. **HAPPY LABOR DAY.** CA Haverkamp wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and reminded everyone that city hall will be closed that day.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **STREET COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye reported the Street Committee met to discuss odd/even parking for snow removal and semi parking. CM Throm reported they are looking for larger lots for semis to park on. CM Throm also reported Street Supervisor Gundelfinger and Police Chief Escalante shared concerns on feasibility and enforcement of odd/even parking, and they are not moving forward with it at this time. CA Haverkamp said staff will continue to do research on this.
2. **WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye reported the Water/Sewer Committee met to discuss forgiveness on a high water bill caused by a water leak. CM Schrater reported there was a leak in the pit on the customer's side of the meter but the part that was leaking was city maintained. The committee agreed to forgive the difference between that bill and a normal bill which will be applied as credit to the customer's account.
3. **ADMIN/FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Mayor Frye reported that there will tentatively be an Admin/Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday August 27 to continue discussing the OneMarysville contract.
4. **PARKS & REC COMMITTEE.** CM Goracke asked for a Parks and Rec Committee meeting once the pool has closed.

APPOINTMENTS & WAGE DETERMINATION:

1. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.** Mayor Frye made the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Greg Price, Alternate, replacing Bryan Kracht.
2. **LIBRARY BOARD.** Mayor Frye made the following appointment to the Library Board: Barbara Busch to complete Dixie Talbot's term.

CM Beikman moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. **ALLEY BEHIND MARYSVILLE MUTUAL.** CM Ferris reported she had been notified of a hole in the alley behind Marysville Mutual. CA Haverkamp said a ticket will be made and staff will check it.
2. **PROPERTY AT 15TH & OAK.** CM Behrens reported there is a property at 15th and Oak Street that needs mowed. CA Haverkamp said staff will check it.
3. **ROTARY PRESENTATION.** CM Keating spoke on the rotary presentation this week about expanding on activities and business we already have and building from them.
4. **CHIP AND SEAL UPDATE.** CM Throm asked for an update on chip and seal. CA Haverkamp reported that it is the goal to get chip and seal done still this year. With 2 employees in the Street Department out due to medical reasons other departments will be asked to help this year, possibly putting other projects on hold.
5. **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE.** CM Schrater asked about a bill for detailing and replacing wiper blades on a vehicle and asked if that is something we normally do ourselves. CA Haverkamp

reported some vehicles are maintained by city staff and vehicles that are newer and still under warranty go to the dealer for service.

6. **LAKEVIEW PROJECT UPDATE.** CM Goracke asked for an update on the project at Lakeview and if anyone had been in contact with Jeff Schell on the timeframe. CC Ralph reported that CI Ralph is planning to touch base with Jeff once Jeff returns from a trip. CM Schrater then asked for an update on the handicap accessibility issues at Lakeview. CA Haverkamp said staff is still looking into the best options to improve accessibility.
7. **APPRECIATE CITY CREWS.** Mayor Frye said he appreciates the hard work of the city crews keeping up with the mowing in the heat.
8. **KOESTER BLOCK PARK NAMING UPDATE.** CM Ferris asked if there had been any suggestion for names for the Koester Block Park. CA Haverkamp said staff is working on a campaign.

There being no further business, at 8:07 p.m. CM Throm moved to adjourn; CM Behrens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph
City Clerk