

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of December 5, 2025.

The City Council of the City of Marseilles met in the City Chamber of City Hall at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on December 5, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Hollenbeck, Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, and Buckingham. Absent: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small to open the public hearing to issue not to exceed \$430,000 General Obligation bonds. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None

City Engineer Mike Etscheid said the bonds will help fund Sycamore, Main, and Washinton Street Phase 2 of engineering. Commissioner Scheib asked what the current outstanding bonds hold. \$9 million outstanding, Mike Etscheid said \$400,000 goes on the tax rolls because others are covered by alternate revenues.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham to close the public hearing to issue not to exceed \$430,000 General Obligation bonds. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the minutes from the special council meeting held November 5, 2025, be approved and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the minutes from the Council meeting of November 19, 2025 be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the accounts payable for the last half of November in the amount of \$278,912.55 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for the said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the payroll for the last half of November in the amount of \$94,403.31 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Abstain: Commissioner Scheib.

Commissioner Kaminski thanked the street department for all their hard work plowing snow all weekend. Commissioner Scheib said he is abstaining from the vote as some people who are drawing payroll are suing him.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham the tax levy ordinance for 2025-2026 be placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Commissioner Kaminski said the EAV has increased by 14.28%. A public hearing, truth and taxing will be held at the next council meeting on December 17, 2025. An example, \$100,000 house will have an 8% city portion tax savings.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that ordinance 1898, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1890 which implements a 1% Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax and a 1% Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax for the City of Marseilles, LaSalle County, Illinois be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Attorney Cantlin said to clarify a statue within a statue that needs to be sited, IDOR asked the city to make an amendment to the ordinance.

Commissioner Small said that toys that were donated by CSX will be handed out this Saturday at the Light up Knudson Park parade. Also, the annual shop with a cop is this Saturday, around 30 kids will be helped.

Commissioner Scheib said as a reminder the city follows a hierarchy for snow plowing, hills, north, east, south, west, then dead ends.

Commissioner Scheib stated that he understood Commissioner Buckingham to have said that Mayor Hollenbeck would be willing to drop a lawsuit if a member of the board were to resign. Commissioner Buckingham responded that he was not aware of making or having knowledge of such a statement.

Commissioner Buckingham said he received a letter from the Department of Human Rights. Commissioner Scheib then asked Commissioner Buckingham if he was given a copy of a HR Rodger's Report, Commissioner Buckingham said yes. Commissioner Scheib asked if Commissioner Buckingham was given a copy of the report by a city employee. Commissioner Buckingham said yes. Commissioner Scheib asked Commissioner Buckingham if the report was given before Commissioner Scheib took office. Commissioner Buckingham said yes. Commissioner Scheib requested these statements be in the council minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the bid from Universal Asphalt and excavating for Lincoln Street in the amount of \$224,624.42 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Buckingham thanked the city street department employees for their hard work during the snowstorms. Commissioner Buckingham said Wreaths Across America will be held on December 13, 2025, 25 wreaths were purchased for the Memorial Wall. Commissioner Buckingham said a letter he received didn't come from Mike Scheib. Commissioner Buckingham stated that an employee seated at the council table provided him with the HR Rodger's report. City Clerk Lesley Hart stated that she did not deny providing the report to an active Commissioner when asked.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Scheib that Resolution 2025-22, a resolution authorizing purchase of dump truck be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. 50% will come out of Commissioner Buckingham and 50% will come out of Commissioner Scheib's department. Commissioner Small said it's important for other Commissioners to support other departments when they need a new vehicle to do their jobs.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that the City Council adjourns. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Lesley Hart  
CITY CLERK