

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of May 20, 2026.

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 May 20, 2026.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the minutes from the Council meeting of May 6, 2026 be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Resident Mathew Underwood, apologized to Mayor Hollenbeck for making a comment at the last meeting that was incorrect.

Resident Denise Parini, would like to see the Tribute Board funding be used to pay for the overtime for officers, bathrooms, and other overhead costs for Freedom Run.

Resident Kim Kozak, asked the Mayor what he did with the Illinois Valley Cellular furniture.

Darrel Tedford, congratulated Mike on winning a lawsuit. He asked if a fund is set up for countersuits.

Jeff Welter, said it's been a year since the council approved a \$108,000 bathroom for a park, he asked when the bathroom will be built.

Carla McPhee, Vice President of IMFR, talked about the upcoming "Remember the Fallen" event. She asked about timing of the community center opening the day of Freedom Run, and how to run the media in the community center, and if food will be provided. She said she may have sponsorship for a band if it's allowed. Commissioner Scheib made a motion to extend the speakers' time seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Carla spoke about the donation boxes and said she would like to provide input before a decision is made. She stated that people need to work together and get along. Carla also said she has "zero comfort level" with the Tribute Board. She stated that she does not get along with Dan Jackson and does not believe there is a need for the Tribute Board. Carla further alleged that during a meeting, Dan Jackson touched her inappropriately and yelled at her.

Dan Jackson announced that he had resigned from the Tribute Committee. He stated that he and the others involved are continuing to work for the wall project. He also addressed

concerns regarding the donation boxes, emphasizing that any misappropriation of city funds is wrong. Dan said he asked Carla if the Tribute Board could pay for the engraving names on the wall. People can donate to either donation to freedom run, Tribute Committee or split the donation. Commissioner Scheib made a motion to extend the speakers' time seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Dan stated that they hold an annual fundraiser with Fat Daddy's, with the board receiving half of the proceeds raised. He said he would like to refresh the landscaping around the Wall. He also noted that the long-term goal has always been to establish a separate standalone museum. He'd like a marble board identifying the founding fathers and their history. He said Greg Stock takes care of the flags, Jim Schultz's takes care of the lawn mowing, also thanked David Raikes for all his work.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the accounts payable for the first half of May in the amount of \$276,959.57 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for the said amount. Commissioner Scheib asked for a total of litigation cost against the City of Marseilles. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the payroll for the first half of May in the amount of \$94,939.31 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 Schieb.

Commissioner Small said the pool is scheduled to open this weekend and asked for pool safety and abide by the posted rules. Wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Commissioner Scheib said he will be running at a 5K at the Sheridan Legion. Scheib said he asked for closed session but not on the agenda. He wished everyone a safe and blessed Memorial Weekend.

Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the pay estimate #2 to Universal Asphalt and Excavating in the amount of \$85,099.07 for Lincoln Street be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Small that the Etscheid, Duttlinger, engineering agreement for Safe Routes to School project be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Resolution 2026-6, a resolution establishing and adopting a rain barrel program in partnership with the conservation foundation be adopted, this was stricken from the agenda.

Commissioner Buckingham asked for Tribute Board funds to go to IMFR. He reminded the public he is the Public Property Commissioner and needs to know about the happenings at 200 Riverfront Drive. Buckingham asked Dan Jackson what the Tribute Committee has done annually. He questioned why a Tribute Committee is needed. Buckingham requested that a vote regarding the donation boxes be placed on the meeting agenda. Attorney, Christina Cantlin stated that the item was not included because it was not submitted by the required deadline of 3:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting. Cantlin noted that she had previously sent an email outlining the procedures and requirements for requesting agenda items. Mayor Hollenbeck said some city hall furniture was donated to the Lion's Club. Mayor Hollenbeck asked Commissioner Buckingham where the chairs are located from the old city hall. He stated he didn't vote on the new sign at the new City Hall and the name should not have been forwarded to the new city hall location.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the bid from the Marseilles Fire Protection District for 209 Lincoln Street in the amount of \$216,000 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib. Commissioner Scheib stated he voted no because the current palace (City Hall) was not wanted and when the new council gets elected he'd like to move back to 209 Lincoln Street.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that the bid from the Marseilles Fire Protection District for 142 Lincoln Street in the amount of \$130,000 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib. Commissioner Scheib stated he voted no because he believes the best use for the building would be for the Marseilles Nursing Service.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that the flow monitoring proposal with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$14,614.00 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the agreement with Renaissance for the Marseilles Public Library window replacement project in the amount of \$228,873.00 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that Resolution 2026-9, a resolution appointing member to the Middle East Tribute Board be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. 2 open spots remain on the Tribute Board.

City Engineer said the grant agreement for sewer lining may be received next week and will go to bid late June.

Mayor Hollenbeck said the city was awarded \$40,000 to complete an audit on safe routes to school program to identify what all needs need to be fixed near the school. He said American Legion annual poppy drive will be May 21-23, 2026. Music in the park starts May 29, 2026. Marseilles Lions Club hosing “Puts and Pubs” Saturday May 30, 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham the city council now adjourn. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Lesley Hart
CITY CLERK