

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Little.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen present for Roll Call: Alderman Sipes, Crum, Babb, and Neumann

Also present were: Clerk Steele, Treasurer Worent, Fire Chief Bartlett, Water/Streets Superintendent Smith, and Office Manager Johnson

Absent: Attorney Herman

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- Fire Department on standby may have to leave
- Council Members' photos for website to be done at 1st Council meeting (Jan. 12th)
- Alderman Joos and the Mayor attended the election for the Fire Department officials- Congrats to the newly elected officials
- Discussion of ADA regulations for web services
- Discussion of bringing back the Flower Club
- ATV Ordinance needs to be amended to include 4-wheelers with saddles
- Plumbing Inspector process- needs job description- the office mayor and Alderman Neumann will work together to put it together
- Discussion of Pigeon Ordinance
- Discussion of ordinance violations around the city
- Pipeline tactical response training for the water/sewer department and fire department on 2-9-2026

City Clerk

- Bri will be moving forward with HR training and has met her 90-day requirements.
- Office employees will work extra hours to make the office more user-friendly
- update on part-time/seasonal employees (needs to be investigated with the payroll laws)
- Discussion of aligning PTO, vacation etc.. time to align with calendar year and not fiscal year.
- Discussion of electronic time clock
- Office will send out cyber training verification

Treasurer

- Discussion of raising the Visa card limit
- Discussion of stopgap on the Visa
- Discussion of making Christin (Utility Billing Clerk) Deputy treasurer after training with Maria

Attorney

Communication

Building Inspector

- Letters to Landlords will be out this week

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- Neumann Co. Contractors, Inc. won water tower painting bid- no date as of now
- Discussion of Maurer-Stutz meeting
- Maurer-Stutz working on main hydrant valve grant
- Discussion of safety training for streets and water departments
- Personal thank you to Fire and Police Departments for Mr. Neuhaus for their response to his emergency

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Department will be purchasing automated ticket system with monies gained from a seize assist

Fire – Alderman Joos

- Santa deliveries went well
- Discussion of car rotation from police department to fire department

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Discussion of on-call position for the streets department
- Brackets on banners are being replaced
- Discussion of who and when the applicator test will be taken
- Arial operator training to come
- 811 Julie training to come in February
- Salt Shed and Spook Hollow gutters to be cleaned
- Cold Patching for potholes will take place on 1-6-2026
- Discussion of the street sweeper operations
- Discussion of spray patcher training
- Discussion of Street Superintendent position

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Update on thermostats

Planning – Alderman Crum

- TIF Ordinance should be added to website once passed
- Discussion of opting out of Homefield energy for the city

Old Business

- Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the repair of Fire Engine 313 not to exceed the amount of \$4,654.58, Truck Centers, account number 01-22-8321 *All Ayes. Motion Passed.*
- Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the repair of Squad 311 not to exceed the amount of \$6,200.00, MD Automotive Inc., account number 01-22-8321 *All Ayes. Motion Passed*
- Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the increase of the Better Banks VISA limit to \$25,000.00 *All Ayes. Motion Passed*
- Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum to table the payment to G.A. Rich and Sons, INC. for the replacement of the fire hydrant at 128 Pontiac Rd. in the amount of \$7,345.00, account number 51-33-5175, *All Ayes. Motion Tabled.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve payment to H&S Mechanical for the timer maintenance on the Briarwood Generator in the amount of \$1,466.50, account 51-31-5120 *All Ayes. Motion Passed.*
- Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$5,242.64 for the base radio and programming with seven years of updates and the emergency button feature, account number 01-22-8322, *All Ayes. Motion Passed*

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to adjourn the regular City Committee Meeting at 8:55p.m. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.*