

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS  
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
January 28, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M by Mayor Little.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were Clerk Steele, Treasurer Worent, Attorney Herman, Building Inspector Dearborn, Water/ Street Superintendent Smith, and Office Manager Johnson.

**Absent:** Fire Chief Bartlett, and Alderman Babb

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

- Review of Plumbing Ordinance
- Reminder of Stipend for Smith and Heady are only until New Street Superintendent is Hired and Trained
- Compliance list for Ordinance- bring to council by March
- IML magazine pgs.16-20 and 164 and on, approx. 40 pages for review

**Clerk**

- Will continue with Waste Management and reduce services
- Meeting moved to stay in compliance, due to technical computer error
- Office will advertise on the water bills to recruit Zoning Board Members

**Treasurer**

- Submitted December Treasurer's Report
- Will appoint Christin as Deputy Treasurer first Council Meeting in February

**Attorney**

No Report

**Communication**

- Library staff acknowledge the office staff as being efficient, helpful, and kind.

**Building Inspector**

- Rental registration fees will not be billed until forms are out
- Forms have been ordered but are delayed
- Non-owner occupied is on Old Business

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Council**

There were none

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

### **Water and Sewer** – Alderman Neuhaus

- Neumann Co. will Paint the water tower in June

### **Law Enforcement** – Alderman Babb

- Taser grant reimbursement came in

### **Streets** – Alderman Neumann

- 100 tons of salt was delivered
- Snow removal went well
- Specific Personnel

### **Public Buildings / Parks** – Alderman Sipes

- Work order- Bri
- Information on 211-IATP-ADA to possibly assist fireman
- Budget Review

### **Fire** – Alderman Joos

- Working with the ADA for hearing impaired fireman

### **Planning** – Alderman Crum

- Executive Session- potential litigation
- Discussion on TIF project- moving along well
- Overview of budget procedure
- Will be absent for meetings the last 2 weeks in March
- Discussion of XLN Services- will discuss more at Committee Meeting

### **Old Business**

- a. Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of \$1,099.22 to MB Automotive for the repair of the 2017 Ford Utility Vehicle's control arm, 01-22-5130, *All Ayes. Motion Passed*
- b. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann, to approve the 2026 annual employee salary increase in the amount of 4%, with the understanding that the next annual salary increase will not occur until May 2027. *Ayes from: Aldermen Crum, Neuhaus, and Neumann, Nays from: Alderman Joos, Abstain: Alderman Sipes, Motion passed.*
- c. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to approve an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 11 of the City Code of the City of Marquette Heights pertaining to non-owner-occupied property, with the amendment to include stepchild, stepparent, mother-in-law, and father-in-law. *Ayes from: Alderman Crum, Neuhaus, Sipes, and Joos Abstain from: Alderman Neumann*

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.*

- a. Approved the regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026
- b. Approved the Council Executive Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026.
- c. Approved Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$54,793.03

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.**

Council exited **Regular Session** at 7:53 p.m. and entered **Executive Session** at 7:54 p.m.  
Council resumed **Regular Session** at 8:42 p.m.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 8:44 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.*

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Dale Little, Mayor

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Vikki Steele, City Clerk