

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS  
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
February 23, 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, Babb, and Sipes

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

**Absent:** Treasurer Worent, Fire Chief Bartlett

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

- Zoning Map update
- 250-year banner discussion
- FOIA support letter sent to House of Representatives by Mayor
- Community Woods Program- Tree City Grants
- Discussion of Marquette Heights day at Peoria Museum in Support of 250-year celebration

**Clerk**

- Clerk will miss Committee Meeting

**Treasurer**

- January Report on file

**Attorney**

- Won't be in attendance for 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting of March

**Communication**

- No Report

**Building Inspector**

- No Report

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Council**

- Rex Pogoli voiced data center concerns
- Comprehensive Plan available for Council
- Update on M.H.R.A. from Heidi DeFrance

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

- Water Leak at Pontiac & Douglas repaired
- Joe last day 3/5
- Water Dept. will work with the office for job posting

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

- No Report

### **Streets** – Alderman Neumann

- Discussion regarding lawnmower engine
- Turf test for Matt 3/24
- Hamilton Sign 4/26 rain date 5/9
- Burned frisbee 50%

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

- Thank you to M.H.R.A
- Liberty Hall water heater replacement
- Discussion of Grant for parking lot

### **Fire** – Alderman Joos

- Budget done
- 311 repairs
- Radio Discussion
- Fire gear ordered
- OSHA inspection notice

### **Planning** – Alderman Crum

- Expense fees for Lobbyist discussed
- TIF District Update
- Discussion of Comprehensive Plan
- Discussion of budget meeting

### **Old Business**

- a. Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve a motion amending the municipal code regulating the keeping of the carrier, racing, hobby, and show pigeons within the city of Marquette Heights. *All Ayes. Motion Passed*

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. No Nays.*

- a. Approved the regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026
- b. Approved the Council Executive Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026.

c.Approved Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$104,279.60

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a.Alderman Neumann made a motion seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve a payment not to exceed \$3400.00 to purchase a replacement engine for the lawn mower. 01-41-5230, and 01-41-5330 *All Ayes. Motion Passed*
- b.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to amend the ordinance entitled “Chapter 11 – Flood Damage Prevention”, specifically Section 5-11-2 (Definitions) and Section 5-11-3(B) (Base Flood Elevation).  
*All Ayes. Motion Passed*

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

- Defrance requested storage

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

- Exec annual review discussion
- Revenue discussion
- Budget Discussion
- TIF discussion
- Discussion of water rates
- Discussion of plumbing ordinance

Council exited **Regular Session** at 8:07 p.m. and entered **Executive Session** at 8:11 p.m.

Council resumed **Regular Session** at 8:20 p.m.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 9:10 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.*

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Dale Little, Mayor

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Vikki Steele, City Clerk