

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 9, 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, Neuhaus, Babb, Sipes, and Neumann.

Also present were Clerk Steele, Treasurer Worent, Water Superintendent Smith, Street Superintendent Raible, Police Chief Merrit, Fire Chief, Attorney Swice, Tim Heady, Building Inspector Dearborn, and Office Manager Johnson.

Absent: Fire Chief Bartlett

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- Grant was submitted on Friday
- Plumbing Ordinance in other business
- Banners and social media to come – America 250
- Budget discussion tonight

Clerk

Separate infrastructure grant available- deadline March 31st

Treasurer

- Budget

Attorney

Communication

No Report

Building Inspector

No report

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- Rex P.- Voiced concerns and pleaded for council to not be for the Data Center also would like a walkway across Rt. 29

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- Walker to fix the hydrant on Pontiac

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Working on Budget

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- OSHA update
- Liberty Hall discussion
- Discussion of City Coal's future project
- Arbor Day Prep
- Discussion truck recall
- Report of engine for mower

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Snack shack report
- Matt out Thursday for testing

Fire – Alderman Joos

- OSHA Inspection Review
- April 5- Easter Egg Hunt at 1 pm
- April 8- Fire Burn
- March 30 – Pump Ladder
- March 23- Annuity Discussion
- Air One Equipment for all 3 replacements = \$11,775.00

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Discussion of XLN Services
- Discussion of Office staff and their availability
- XLN working on PFAS

Old Business

- a.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the hire of XLN Services in the amount of \$25,800.00. 51-00-1142, 01-00-1161 Ayes: *Alderman Neuhaus, Neumann, Crum and Babb.* Nays: *Alderman Joos, and Sipes*
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 Nays: None

- a. Approved the regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026

- b. Approved the Council Executive Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026
- c. Approved the Committee Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026
- d. Approved the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2026
- e. Approved Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$99,202.70

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann, to approve the payment of \$3925.00 to Air One Equipment, INC. for Fire Gear 01-22-5560. All Ayes*
- b. *Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of \$1,544.00 to Leak Detection Services, Inc. for water leak detection services on 2/18/26, 51-21-5165 All Ayes Motion Passed*
- c. *Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Joos to approve the payment of \$1,100.50 to WPC for Miscellaneous Supplies for the water plant. 51-31-6590 All Ayes, Motion Passed*
- d. *Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of \$5,885.83 to WPC for the Fire Hydrant replacement 51-21-5175, All Ayes, Motion Passed*
- e. *Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the payment of \$2,965.50 to Walker Excavating Co. Inc. for the water main and sewer repair at Doulas and Pontiac 51-21-5165 All Ayes Motion Passed*
- f. *Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve payment of \$1,241.00 to Water Solutions Unlimited for water plant chemicals, 511-31-6560, All Ayes, Motion Passed*
- g. *Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum to approve amendment to Ordinance #970 regarding the housing of pigeons.*

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Discussion of Sipes and Joss packet
- Discussion of Plumbing Ordinance
- Storm Water Discharge meeting 3-23-26
- Letter to Pigeon owner to comply with in 6 months

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 9:01 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.*

Dale Little, Mayor

Vikki Steele, City Clerk