

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

Also present were Deputy Clerk Johnson, Treasurer Worent, Water Superintendent Smith, Street Superintendent Raible, Police Chief Merrit, Fire Chief, Attorney Herman, Tim Heady, Building Inspector Dearborn, and Deputy Treasurer Volk.

Absent: Clerk Steele and Alderman Crum

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- Sewer Treatment monthly bill is increasing by \$2000.00 per month, possibility of re-evaluation of fees on water bills.
- TIF committee is being established so the transitions can be made rapidly and smoothly.
- Discussion of the budget portion of the regular council meeting.
- Project/Ordinance list should be turned in by this week

Clerk

- Discussion of Charlie's challenge 5k run, including the discussion of the route, volunteers, city assistance, ect.
- Discussion of most recent infrastructure grant application that is in process, extended due date to April 30th

Treasurer

- Submitted monthly treasurer's report

Attorney

- Met with Alderman Crum regarding TIF. Also explained that by creating a TIF committee will create an agile way to go about things.
- Will be on vacation until 4/1

Communication

No Report

Building Inspector

No report

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- Heidie D. of M.H.R.A. gave report and updates on upcoming t-ball/baseball season

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- Walker will be here Friday 3/27 to replace Hydrant on Pontiac
- In need of flanges for lift station- appraised at \$19k for 4

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Working on Budget

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Patrick Meyers assisted in looking at the outfalls- would like to use him for MFT services
- IEPA requirements need to be kept up with
- Flood Plain ordinance needs to be passed
- Recall on 20-22 parts have been ordered

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Has been working with the rec association on all things for the concessions stand and fields
- Estimate to change light bulb came in at \$605, will be an in-house project

Fire – Alderman Joos

- Amended burn date to April 7th

Planning – Alderman Crum

- No Report

Old Business

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nehaus, to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Nays: None

- a. Approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2026
- b. Approve Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$113,922.78

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve and certify that Matt Raible, Tim Smith, and Tim Heady are authorized to bind contractual obligations, to include joint participation agreements with the State of Illinois. *All Ayes. Motion passed.*
- b. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the payment of \$13,850.00 to G.A. Rich & Sons, INC, for installation of the Tonka Water PFAS Pilot Removal System. 51-00-1146 *All Ayes. Motion Passed*
- c. Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee for the City of Marquette Heights. *All Ayes. Motion Passed.*
- d. Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the appointment of Alderman Crum, as Chair, Alderman Babb and Alderman Neumann, as members, to the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Committee. *All Ayes. Motion Passed.*

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Ashley P. of M.H.R.A. reports that the benches in the dugout need to be replaced, and all the benches at the fields need to be looked at
- Council meeting was paused for a brief intermission and resumed at 7:52 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Alderman Neumann questioned how the budget was being figured and how was it formulated.
- Admin budget was gone over

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 8:56 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.*

Dale Little, Mayor

Brianne Johnson, Deputy Clerk