

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS  
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
April 27, 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, Street Superintendent Raible, Police Chief Merrit, Fire Chief, Attorney Herman, Tim Heady, and Building Inspector Dearborn

**Absent:** Alderman Neumann

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

- Committee appointments to be discussed at the committee meeting
- Report of the Justin Hamilton memorial

**Clerk**

- Notice of city office closure due to parking lot re-surfacing

**Treasurer**

- Great work on the budget

**Attorney**

- Draft redevelopment plan has been given to Bri for TIF project

**Communication**

- M.H.R.A. update- Opening Day 5/2/26 9:30a- 10:00a parade starts

**Building Inspector**

- Out of town Friday through Tuesday

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Council**

- Chris Wilson- Pigeon Ordinance- asking to be grandfathered in. Concerned that 6 is not enough, needs 20 birds for the club. He would like 25-30 and will provide information for the June Committee meeting.
- Dana Dearnorn- Ordinance says 6 chickens, and 10 licenses for clarification.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

- Report of water main break on Lincoln
- Vac truck will be needed for 106 Pontiac, and the curb stop at 116 Cahokia
- 112 Calumet needs to be repaired by the homeowner
- Dehumidifier for the water plant – latest email states that it is on its way

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

- No Report

### **Streets** – Alderman Neumann

- First limb pick up went well
- Tree was taken down at Fulton and Grant
- Has been doing a lot of mowing.

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

- No bounce house for M.H.R.A
- Concession water under repair
- Garage repair belongs to R.A.
- Flag is up at the park
- New lights were installed at concession stand
- Compliment from Alderman Sipes neighbor stating that the city is looking better

### **Fire** – Alderman Joos

- No Report

### **Planning** – Alderman Crum

- Water Budget not on Agenda- coming soon
- Discussion of TIF Ordinance that needs to be passed on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Alderman Crum and Babb will be in Springfield this coming up Wednesday

## **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: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

- a. Approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026
- b. Approve Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$94,381.98

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Joos to approve the payment of \$8,775.30 to Oil Marketing Equipment, INC. for the replacement of two Keytrol systems for the gas pumps. 51-31-8320, 01-41-8321, 01-22-8322, 01-21-8322  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- b. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to approve the payment of \$2,737.00 to Linden & Company for the flanges for the lift station. 51-31-8320  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- c. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum, to approve the payment of \$1,160.59 to H&S Industries for the Sensaphone installation at the wells. 51-31-5110  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- d. Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the payment not to exceed \$6,000.00 to Air One Equipment, Inc. for replacement firefighting gloves, extrication gloves, and hoods. 01-22-8321  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- e. Alderman Babb made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to approve the payment of \$2,425.00 to Martin Equipment for John Deere Annual Maintenance Agreement. 51-31-5125, 01-41-5160  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- f. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment of \$3,853.95 to AMG Air for the Dehumidifier, 51-31-8322  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- g. Alderman Sipes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum, to approve the re-appointment of the following library officers, Mark Valentine, as President; Kathie Quisenberry, Vice President; Shelley Turner, Treasurer; Ryan King, acting co-treasurer; Michelle Valentine, Secretary  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*
- h. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the Fiscal Year 27 Budget  
*Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Passed.*

**Citizens wishing to address the council:**

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

- Miller, Hall, and Triggs- Fee Increase
- Water Rate Ordinance- rates are under review- more at Committee
- Ordinance updates on American Legal- resident concerns
- Acknowledgement of the State Sign- looks great

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Joos to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

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Dale Little, Mayor

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Vikki Steele, City Clerk