

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 13, 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, Crum, Sipes, and Neumann.

Also present: Clerk Steele, Treasurer Worent, Chief Merrit, Fire Chief Bartlett, Street Superintendent Raible, Attorney Herman, Water Superintendent Heady, and Building Inspector Dearborn

Absent: Alderman Babb, Office Manager Johnson (in office)

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- Notice of bridge inspection
- IDOT- Veterans Rd. consulting party
- Report of Mayor's association attendance with Alderman Babb
- Notice of plumbing code still in the works- Attorney working on it- review with State and statute
- Project/needs list- keep in mind and work at it when able to.

Clerk

- Will not be available from July 22- Aug. 5
- Notice of auditor Clifton Larson Allen projected cost of \$40,000 along with technology and client support fees of 7%
- Previous auditor approximately \$22,000

Treasurer

- Report on TIF line of credit

Attorney

- Report of TIF public hearing- will proceed with ordinance needed for August
- Ordinance must include current debt plus Line of credit

Building Inspector

- 215 Kaskaskia – Mother of deceased wants nothing to do with the house. It was not left to her.

- Will petition for abandonment with help from Zoey
- ISP found paper in garage stating house left to parents

Communication

- No Report

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- #1 softener control valves replaced tomorrow 7/14/26- will only have labor cost

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- E-bikes ordinances do not need to be updated to meet new state laws

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Application for part0time- increase roster but not schedule everyone

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Rails to Trails grant will open April of 2027

Fire – Alderman Joos

- August 8th cop's vs kids water balloons 1 pm

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Working with contractor for infrastructure on LaSalle
- Public meeting went well- funding needs raised
- Treasurer Worent to talk to bank if there is a fee for carrying an open line of credit- \$500,000; if no penalty, maybe higher.

Old Business

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

a. Approved the regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026

b.Approved the Committee Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026.

c. Approved Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$101,611.31

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve the TIF Executive Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026

b. Approve the TIF Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of \$1,532.57 to MES for SCBA flow test. 01-22-5190.

Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.

b. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum to approve the payment of \$8,691.36 to Gunther Salt, LLC. 51-31-6140.

Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.

c. Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum to approve the payment of \$2,400.00 to Maurer- Stutz for Bridge Inspection. 01-41-5320

Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.

Citizens wishing to address the council:

- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Water plant needs rehabilitation – softeners are 17 years old- life expectancy is 20 years
- \$500,000 to rehabilitate entire plant
- Financing/EPA loan/Engineer involvement- water committee plus Water Super. To move forward
- Alderman Neumann will not be available July 22nd – August 5th

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:49 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

Dale Little, Mayor

Vikki Steele, City Clerk