

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Little.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen present for Roll Call: Alderman Crum, Babb, Joos, Neumann, Sipes, and Neuhaus

Also present: Clerk Steele, Office Manager Johnson, Treasurer Worent, Streets Superintendent Raible, Water Superintendent Heady, Police Chief Merrit, Building Inspector Dearborn, and Deputy Treasurer Volk

Absent: Fire Chief Bartlett

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- Moment of silence for Robert Judge- Fallen Officer- served 8 years
- Notice of the Peoria Museum 911 Memorial
- Notice of grant opportunity sent from senator Turner's office
- Motion on the agenda will become 2 parts
- Marquette Heights turned 70 on September 6th- Proclamation to come next council meeting
- Peddlers Permin- Josh to define- discussion of fees

City Clerk

- Notice of mission statement choosing: Through responsible fiscal management, strong public safety, and dedicated service, we honor our small-town values. By supporting progress and prosperity, we continue to call the City of Marquette Heights the City of Pride.

Treasurer

- Budget Review- Streets: fuel cost is higher, Buildings: Ameren cost are up, mowing maintenance- Overall percentage is good.
- August Report
- Discussion on having 3 signers for TIF Financing
- Discussion on having a new line item in the budget for TIF Financing

Building Inspector

- 400 Lincoln Rd.- fence ordinance violation- Randell Green- - spoke about fence- stated he did not put height on fence, did not replace for like for like
-Council conversation all aldermen say leave as is currently- issue variance with no fee
- Emma Bartlett submitted email of trash can not properly put back due to garbage company

- Andrea Flick- memorial plaque can be installed on a bench on the walking trail in Independence Park at the family's expense

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- Exec -Specific class of personnel
- Discussion of increase water and sewer fees for major infrastructure repairs
 - 1.\$8 water infrastructure increase -\$600,000 for refurbishment of Water Plant
 - 2.5% water rate increase in May (instead of 3%)
 - 3.Will come back with educated numbers for sewer increase
 - 4.Notify residents of effective date of all increases

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Car and Body cameras proposal- Annually \$12,240.92 for five years. New cameras throughout with upgrades
- 10 years- \$13,629 annually
- E -tickets to go live soon

Fire – Alderman Joos

- October 1st training- mass casualty- skate park closed

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Exec -Specific personnel
- Discussion on Spray patching
 - 1.D&D in Eureka- not to exceed \$50,000
 - 2.LaSalle and Lincoln ¼ of town
- Discussion on MFT budget
 - 1.including compensation package per hour
 - 2.Possible lineage to come
 - 3.Rent street sweeper for one month- \$12,700/month- speak with engineer
- LaSalle and Joliet- median to Lewis- voids in camera footage
- Curb, sidewalk on Main St- potential one month completion

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Sipes on vacation 9/23-10/3
- Grant information given to Bri
- Key tracking- Jenny has examples

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Enterprise Zone- application packet- more to come
- Lewis Rd. map- possibility of it being put up for sale- survey and appraisal to come
- Water/sewer \$75,489 quote from Walker, \$69,638.00 from Lenco for infrastructure of pizza parlor- would come for TIF financing
- Office to review sales of property documentation

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. Approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026
- b. Approve the Executive Meeting minutes of August 24, 2026

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to waive to public bidding process for spray patching services in accordance with applicable law
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.
- b. Alderman Neumann made a motion seconded by Alderman Crum to approve D & D Pavement Solutions, Inc. to provide spray patching services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY

- Exec for personnel
- Exec for specific class of personnel

Council exited **Regular Session** at 8:47 and entered **Executive Session** at 8:49 p.m.
Council resumed **Regular Session** at 9:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum, to adjourn the regular City Committee Meeting at 9:14 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

Dale Little, Mayor

Vikki Steele, Clerk