

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 10, 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, and Sipes.

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

Absent: Water Superintendent Heady and Clerk Steele

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- Notice of continuing Peddler's Permit discussion at committee meeting
- Notice that where it says Village in signature lines will be changed to city on the TIF ordinances

Clerk

- No Report

Treasurer

- Notice of discussion of quarterly budget review at committee meeting

Attorney

- Report on violation letter sent to GFL
- Congratulatory statement to council on TIF Ordinances

Building Inspector

- No report

Communication

- Reading of letters from Senator Sally Turner's office
- Signing of L.O.I from Sunrise Management

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- No Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- 62.5 ft of pipe replace for Algonquin and Craig water main break

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Demo letter changed to abandonment letter for Kaskaskia house
- Hired a crossing guard

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Report on MFT work
- Exec for personnel

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- No Report

Fire – Alderman Joos

- F.D. donation found by the office
- Water balloon fight went well
- Exec for specific personnel

Planning – Alderman Crum

- No Report

Old Business

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Babb, Alderman Joos, Alderman Neuhaus, Alderman Crum, Nays: None, Abstain: Alderman Sipes, and Alderman Neumann Motion Passed.

- a. Approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2026
- b. Approve the Executive Meeting minutes of July 27, 2026.
- c. Approve the Committee Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026.
- d. Approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026.
- e. Approve Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$117,658.37

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the payment of \$3,293.34 to Best One of Central Illinois for the replacement of the tires on vehicle 312. *Ayes: Alderman Babb, Alderman Joos, Alderman Neuhaus, Alderman Crum, Alderman Sipes, Nays: None, Abstain: Alderman Neumann, Motion Passed*
- b. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes, to approve the payment of \$3,800.00 to Kurita for diagnostic services. *Ayes: Alderman Neuhaus, Alderman Sipes, Alderman Babb, Alderman Crum, Alderman Joos, Nays: None, Abstain: Alderman Neumann. Motion Passed*
Account number amended to 51-00-1146
- c. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus, to approve the payment of \$6,140.00 to Willock Warning Co. for auditing services. *Ayes: Alderman Crum, Alderman Neuhaus, Alderman Sipes, Alderman Joos, Alderman Neuhaus, Nays: None, Abstain: Alderman Neumann. Motion Passed.*
- d. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the engagement of AA Mack Accounting Services, PLLC to serve as the City's independent auditor and to approve payment in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 2024 annual audit. *Ayes: Alderman Babb, Alderman Joos, Alderman Neuhaus, Alderman Cum, Alderman Sipes, Nays: None, Abstain: Alderman Neuhaus. Motion Passed.*
- e. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve Ordinance No. 975, the ordinance approving the city of Marquette Heights, Illinois, Tax increment financing redevelopment plan and project. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*
- f. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve Ordinance No. 976, the ordinance designating the city of Marquette Heights tax increment financing redevelopment project area. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*
- g. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve Ordinance No. 977, the ordinance adopting tax increment financing. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

Citizens wishing to address the council:

- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Discussion of Signed L.O.I.
- Had a license that stated that they can be on the property, it was removed. It can be re-instated per the Attorney.
- Once the real estate process is done, the space will be done.

Council exited **Regular Session** at 7:27 p.m. and entered **Executive Session** at 7:29 p.m.
Council resumed **Regular Session** at 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:54p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

Dale Little, Mayor

Brianne Johnson, Deputy Clerk