

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 24, 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, Neumann, Babb and Sipes.

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

Absent: Office Manager Johnson, and Fire Chief Bartlett

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- discussion on Peddler's Permit at committee
- discussion on Plumbing Inspector at committee
- Sipes to go to Mayor association meeting
- Nov. 7 coffee and conversation
- LaHood visit- gave tour of city. Discussed needs and wants for financing infrastructure
- IML – Pg. 191-201 TIF Information

Clerk

- Flood Plain Ord.- New business- this is a FEMA requirement
- Election packets will be available Tuesday August 25th – 3 alderman positions will become available
- Work orders are up and running in LOCIS

Treasurer

- July Budget

Attorney

- No Report

Building Inspector

- No report

Communication

- Andrea Flick- Plaque on walking trail in honor of her dad Rober Flick- will discuss at committee

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- 400 Lincoln Rd.- Randle Green- Front Porch and Fence
- Lisa Wornen- 107 Dillion Rd. pool- full of stagnate water- no pump- Ordinance Violation letter sent- correct by date is 8/21/26

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- PFAS testing underway
- Watermain Breaks
- Joliet and LaSalle sink hole- 10 ft. deep- pipes are good
- Two sewer services-
 - 106 Pontiac- will be lined
 - 112 Calumet-camera results to be discussed in exec
 - 113 Calumet- AB Hunter found a leak
- Laterals- communicate about insurance or lining
- Exec for Specific Personnel

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Exon- Body and in car cameras- discuss at committee- 5–10-year contracts
- Creve Coeur coverage

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Report on MFT work
- Exec for personnel

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Key Master list- Liberty and Fire in need of keys

Fire – Alderman Joos

- No Report

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Line of credit- \$600,000.00 on agenda
- Contractor for water/sewer for sunshine
- Midwest communication for pre annexation
- Sunrise management requirements, prior to development/Sale of Property
- Upcoming convention 1 free member can attend
- Good Meeting with LaHood

Old Business

- a. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to approve Resolution No. 629, to designate Better Banks as the City's financing institution for TIF- related financing. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

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 10, 2026
- b. Approve the Executive Meeting minutes of August 10, 2026
- c. Approve the Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$207,919.48

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment of \$3,104.00 to Walker Excavating Co. INC. for assistance on the water main break on Lincoln Rd. 51-21-5165
Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed
- b. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman to approve the payment of \$8,679.74 to Gunther Salt LLC for salt for the water plant. 51-31-6140 *Alderman Neuhaus*
- c. Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment not to exceed \$10,000.00 to Ferguson for new water meters. 51-21-6580 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*
- d. Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve amending Title 5, Chapter 11, Sections 1-12; to establish FEMA's revised Illinois flood damage prevention policy. Ordinance No. 970.
Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Citizens wishing to address the council:

- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Specific Personnel x2
- Review of executive minutes
- Possible litigation
- Discussion of outsourcing spray patching for this year- MFT Public Bid
Fast track- work thru engineer-see available contractors
- Review ordinance from water or sewer for repair and payment.
- Water rate increase- Infrastructure, PFAS- 3% increase started last month

- Discussion of raising \$8 per household- will bring to committee for further instruction
- Amend MFT for approval and vote for bid and vote for or wave bid.
- Look at moving PFAS monies to a C.D.- Worent to look into

Council exited **Regular Session** at 7:59 p.m. and entered **Executive Session** at 8:00 p.m.
Council resumed **Regular Session** at 8:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:56p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

Dale Little, Mayor

Vikki Steele, Clerk