MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 12, 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, Crum, Neumann, Babb and Sipes.

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

Absent: Alderman Neuhaus

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor
- Coffee and Conversation- Great turn out, good experience, thank you to the staff
- Notice of Mayor's association meeting 10-21-26, Alderman Crum to be attendance as well
- 70th Anniversary Proclamation

Clerk
- Insurance for employees- HR to look at the options
  - -Projected price for all employees
  - -Alderman to review/Majority choice should be on 10/26 agenda

Treasurer
- Notice of Credit application on hold for 2024 Audit completion
- Treasurer will not be at 10/26 council meeting

Attorney
- Discussion of revised redevelopment agreement, to be approved at next council meeting

Building Inspector
- Discussion regarding Thrift Store occupancy permit

Communication
- Grateful resident anonymously provided lunch to staff

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

-Engineer numbers need to be in place and sent to EPA funding.

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- No Report

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Street sweeping occurring next month
- New hire was a no show
- Discussion on spray path schedule

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Repairing restroom at Independence Park

Fire – Alderman Joos

- Discussion regarding expiring helmets
- Trunk or Treat 10/24/26
- Tension on door needs to be repaired.

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Development agreement draft and Sale of Property to be in 10/26 agenda
- Discussion of commercial inspectors
- Discussion of PFAS water treatment infrastructure
- Attorney to present info on bonds

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 September 28, 2026
b.Approved the Executive Meeting minutes of September 28, 2026
c.Approved the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026.
d.Approved the regular Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026
e.Approved the Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of $116,990.03

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

a.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $1,7424.00 to Walker Excavating Co. Inc. for the curb stop repair at 219 Frontenac. 51-21-5185 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

b.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment of $4,881.25 to Walker Excavating Co. Inc for the main repair on St. Clair. 51-21-5165 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

c. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $8,852.01 to Gunther Salt LLC for the north and south pits of the water department. 51-31-6140 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

d.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $1,710.90 to Water Solutions Unlimited for 6, 50lb bags of poly. 51-31-6560 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

e.Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment not to exceed $14,500 to Air One Equipment for Fire Gear. 01-22-8322 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

f.Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the payment of $12,700.00 to Key Equipment for the one-month rental of the street sweeper. 31-00-1181 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

g.Alderman Babb made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $1,745.12 to Discount Cell for antennas 01-21-8322. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

h.Alderman Babb made a motion seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve Ordinance 978, amending the City of Marquette Heights Peddler's Ordinance regarding permit and application fees, and permitted days of operation. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

i.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve Resolution No. 631, authorizing the inclusion of compensation paid under an IRS Section 125 Plan, including premium conversion plans and flexible spending accounts, as reportable earnings to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

j.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve Resolution No. 632, authorizing the inclusion of designated taxable expense allowances as reportable earnings to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). *Ayes: Alderman Neumann, Babb, Joos, and Sipes. Nays: None. Abstain: Alderman Crum. Motion Passed.*

k.Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve a Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution 633 in the amount of $20,000.00 for the 21-inch storm sewer project, subject to IDOT approval. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

l.Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the updated Estimate of Cost for the 21-inch storm sewer project, subject to IDOT approval. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

m.(a) Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Crum to waive competitive bidding requirements for water infrastructure improvements on

Lewis Road within the City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

m.(b) Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Crum to waive competitive bidding requirements for sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements on Lewis Road within the City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed

n.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to approve the request to change the property address of PIN 05-05-18-307-006 from 100 Joliet Road to 500 LaSalle Boulevard. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

o.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve and adopt the following official Mission Statement for the City of Marquette Heights:

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

Citizens wishing to address the council:

- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Discussion of proposed Ameren project in Independence Park

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:14p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

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Dale Little, Mayor Brianne Johnson, Deputy Clerk