

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 14, 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, Office Manager Johnson, Treasurer Worent, Chief Merrit, Street Superintendent Raible, Water Superintendent Heady, Attorney Herman, and Building Inspector Dearborn

Absent: Fire Chief Bartlett

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

- discussion on Peddler's Permit at next council meeting
- Proclamation for 70th B-day at next council meeting
- EPA Permit questions under attorney's report
- Amusement tax- concerns of zip code- Bri to research

Clerk

- IMRF Audit Report- 2025
- 2024 Audit is still ongoing- projected to be completed by Nov. 2026

Treasurer

- Minutes from September 8, 2026 meeting taking to the bank on September 14, 2026, for TIF line of credit

Attorney

- Maurer Stutz- lack of information on the contract due to limited permit with limits- feels ok for this vote
- Conversation regarding waiving public bidding for infrastructure on Lewis Rd.

Building Inspector

- No report

Communication

- None

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- Dustin Otey- side by side – 4-wheeler permit- too dangerous- maybe purchase a trailer

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- New lift station pump found under trash bag in sweeper building- will be looked at and priced for installation

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- Exon- refreshes- pre-paid postage – willing to work with invoices and timing. Set up for quarterly

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- 1 quote for storm sewer- LaSalle and Grant- 1 more to come
- Spray patch- passage of no bid not valid
- Use wheel tax for half- other half MFT

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- List from Rec Association concerns of soft floor and flickering lights in concessions stand

Fire – Alderman Joos

- August 19- Garage Sales

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Waive bidding for Lewis Rd. infrastructure
- Surveyor coming soon for field
- Possible purchase of real estate

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: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

- a.Approve the regular Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026
- b.Approve the Executive Meeting minutes of September 8, 2026
- c.Approve the Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of \$ **\$113,329.52**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- a.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the fence variance for Randall L. Green at 400 Lincoln Road, allowing the existing wooden fence to remain in its current location, subject to the conditions outlined in the approved variance.
Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.
- b.Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the Mauer-Stutz, Inc. engineering services contract and payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for engineering services associated with filing the required EPA permit for the sanitary sewer extension on Lewis Road.
Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.
- c.Alderman Sipes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the payment of \$1,180.75 to Getz Fire for the Fire extinguisher equipment inspections. 01-46-5110 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*
- d.Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neuhaus to approve the payment of \$10,296.00 to Air One Equipment, INC., for helmets for the fire department. 01-22-8322 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*
- e.Alderman Babb made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve Axon Enterprise, Inc. as the provider of body-worn cameras, in-car camera systems, and related equipment and services for the Marquette Heights Police Department for a term of ten (10) years, and to authorize the execution of the related agreement. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*
- f.Alderman Babb made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the annual payment of \$13,629.00 to be paid quarterly to Axon Enterprise for the purchase of new body and car cameras for the Police Department 01-21-8322, 01-21-5564 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*
- g.Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment of \$3,656.86 to G.A. Rich and Sons for the replacement of valves. 51-21-5185 *Aye: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*
- h.Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of \$2,148.00 to Test Inc., for PFAS testing. 51-00-1146 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*
- i.Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment of \$8,103.90 to Water Products Company for valve repairs. 51-21-5185 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*
- j.Alderman Neuhaus made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sipes to approve the payment of \$1,295.03 to H&S Industries for electrician services. 51-31-5120 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Setting the Sale of Property- Exec
- Discussion of Joliet and LaSalle Address to be “500 Block of LaSalle”
- Neuhaus is out for 3 weeks beginning 9/20/26

Council exited **Regular Session** at 7:39 p.m. and entered **Executive Session** at 7:40p.m.
Council resumed **Regular Session** at 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum, 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, Clerk