MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE HEIGHTS
TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 28, 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: Deputy Clerk Johnson, Treasurer Worent, Chief Merrit, Street Superintendent Raible, Water Superintendent Heady, Attorney Herman, and Building Inspector Dearborn

Absent: Clerk Steele

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor
- Discussion of Litkiss family memoria at Liberty Hall provided by the family more to come at the committee meeting
- Plumbing rates and fees to be discussed at committee meeting
- Fire Chief Tony Bartlett is the P.O.C. for all Fire Dept. events and can be reached via e-mail
- Notice that the variance is on the agenda again

Clerk
- 2024 Audit is still ongoing- projected to be completed by Nov. 2026

Treasurer
- Discussion of Line of Credit from Better Banks
    1. More specific resolution needed
    2. Interest rates- standard is 6.5% / tax-exempt is 5.5% but will cost an upfront fee of $5000.00 for attorney letter from the bank.

Attorney
- Notice that streaming tax is based off of credit card addresses- to be sure that the city is getting the proper amount that is owed, the city can request a list of addresses with the city or the city can communicate all the addresses that are in city limits with streaming services.

Building Inspector
- No report

Communication

- None

Citizens Wishing to Address the Council

- Lisa Warren wants update on the pool at 107 Dillion. Warren says that the stagnating water causes heavy mosquito presence in the area
  -Building Inspectors stated that the pool has been drained and should be taken down soon
  -Police Chief says that he has been cited for tall grass
- Joshua Carpentier- 201 Grant Rd.- voiced concerns of a volunteer firefighter that he feels is harassing him and family.
  -Mayor states that the council will discuss the situation in an executive session.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Water and Sewer – Alderman Neuhaus

- Tonka quoted $360,00 for parks and $300,000 for labor
  -Parts are 30-40 weeks out of signing the contract
  -Engineer suggest GAP loan
  -EPA may not approve fill payment
- New Pumps- use infrastructure fees that we already collect for
- Tim Heady obtained his class C water license

Law Enforcement – Alderman Babb

- The cradle points will assist with download speeds

Streets – Alderman Neumann

- Will talk to G&D regarding spray patching
- Storm sewer lining to be inspected by Hoerr
  -Lining on Grant Rd. is bad
- Discussion of using wheel tax funds to rent street sweeper

Public Buildings / Parks – Alderman Sipes

- Preparing for Spook Hollow

Fire – Alderman Joos

- Sold out of food at garage sale fund raiser
- Exec for personnel

Planning – Alderman Crum

- Pulled items off of the agenda because we are waiting to hear from the developer
- Submitted the request for the address change from 101 Joliet to 500 LaSalle Blvd.
- Joint review board meeting should be on next fiscal year's calendar
- Finance and Planning meeting before committee meeting

Old Business

a. Alderman Babb made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to amend the previously approved motion regarding the annual payment to Axon Enterprise by correcting the annual payment amount from $13,629.00 to $13,629.23, to be paid quarterly from accounts 01-21-8322 and 01-21-5564. All other terms of the original motion shall remain unchanged. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

b. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Babb to amend the previously approved fence variance for the property located at 400 Lincoln Road to incorporate the revisions prepared by the City Attorney, with all other terms and conditions of the original approval remaining in effect. *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 Committee Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2026
b.Approve the Executive Meeting minutes of September 14, 2026
c.Approve the Bi-weekly expenditure in the amount of $ **$93,602.39.**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

a.Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the appointment of Molly Perry to the Library Board *Ayes: All, Nays None. Motion Passed*

b. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Joos to approve the salary increase of 1.50 per hour for Timothy Heady for successfully completing his probationary period as Superintendent of the Water Department. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

c. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $1,444.82 to Water Product Company for the repair of the water pipe on Radisson Rd. 51-21-5165 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

d. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $1,699.00 to Hawkins, Inc. for the new chemical feed pump 51-31-8302 *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

e. Alderman Crum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve resolution 630, a resolution adding Brianne Johnson, Christin Volk, and Dale little to the Illinois Funds account as users. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

f. Alderman Babb made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to approve the payment of $4,060 to Verizon for cradle points for the Axon connectivity. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed.*

Citizens wishing to address the council:

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY.

- Alderman Joos made a motion, seconded by Alderman Neumann to enter Executive Session. *Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Passed*

Council exited **Regular Session** at 7:57 p.m. and entered **Executive Session** at 7:58p.m.
Council resumed **Regular Session** at 8:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Neumann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crum, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:09 p.m. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.*

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Dale Little, Mayor	Brianne Johnson, Deputy Clerk