MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – BRIAN COWGILL VICE PRESIDENT – ERIKA DEVINE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers
Date: December 1, 2026
Time: 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: Assistant Fire Chief Justin Planck

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Brian Cowgill

ROLL CALL

Marion Police Awards:

- Officer Chris McAninich - Medal of Valor
- Sergeant Cody Weigle - Meritorious Service
- Officer Scott Fletcher - Meritorious Service

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING November 17, 2026
B. CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
C. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS
D. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Additional Appropriation 17-2026- Fire Department-2nd Reading public hearing
An additional appropriation appropriating $150,000 for Marion Fire Department. Speaking: Fire Chief Curtis Garr

Executive summary: This year there has been a significant increase in long-term sick leave for the Marion Fire Department. As a result, the overtime funds have been depleted. We formally request an additional appropriation of funds for the Marion Fire Department to help support our team's necessary overtime expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmatory Resolution 16-2026- Confirming the designation of economic revitalization area (Fox Run Subdivision)
A resolution of the Common Council for the City of Marion, Indiana confirming the designation of an economic revitalization area and approving the deduction from assessed value of new real property improvements. Speaking: Joe Murphy, Economic Development Director.

Executive summary: On October 26, 2026, the City of Marion Economic Development Commission adopted a resolution which designated the Fox Run Subdivision as an Economic Development Target Area. On November 17, 2026, the City Council adopted a Declaratory Resolution, which designated the Subdivision as an

“economic revitalization area” and “economic development target area” pursuant to the Act, and approved real property tax deductions for redevelopment or rehabilitation in the Subdivision for three (3) years. The Applicants have requested a three-year real property tax abatement for their property. After conducting a public hearing, the City Council will take final action confirming the Declaratory Resolution.

Resolution 17-2026-A waiver of non-compliance
A resolution of the City of Marion, Grant County, Indiana regarding waiver of non-compliance. Speaking: Joe Murphy, Economic Development Director.

Executive summary: The City Council previously adopted its resolutions establishing the Fox Run Subdivision as an economic revitalization area and economic development target area for certain real property of David A. and Julia K. Magner (the “Taxpayer”). The Taxpayer did not timely file their Statement of Benefits prior to initiating construction of a portion of their Project and the Subdivision was not designated as an Economic Revitalization Area prior to initiating construction on the Project. After conducting a duly noticed public hearing, the City Council may waive this non-compliance pursuant to the Act.

General Ordinance 10-2026- Amending Chapter 93 of the Marion Municipal Code 1st reading
An amendment amending Chapter 93 of the Marion Municipal code to establish restriction on access to city parks ad recreational facilities by certain registered offenders against children. Speaking: Councilman David Cain

Executive summary: The proposed ordinance would establish rules limiting access to Marion's parks and recreational facilities by certain individuals currently required to register as offenders against children.
It establishes more extensive restrictions for individuals classified as enhanced-risk offenders, identifies specific child-focused recreational locations, provides an exception process for parents wishing to attend their children's activities, and establishes verification, enforcement, and appeal procedures. The central objective is to establish additional safeguards for children using Marion's public recreational facilities while providing procedures to address legitimate access needs and individual circumstances.

Library Board Appointment
Voting on the council replacement for the Marion Public Library Board.

Announcements:
December 15, 2026 will be the last Common Council meeting of the year.