

MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – NICK MCKINLEY VICE PRESIDENT – GARY FORDYCE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers

Date: October 21, 2025

Time: 7:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: Mayor Ronald Morrell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Charles Moon

ROLL CALL

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Trixi Morin, Account Payable-Controllers Office

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 07, 2025
- B. CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
- C. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Ordinance 25-2025- Rezoning ordinance, 2nd reading and public hearing

An ordinance of the common council of the city of Marion amending Marion City Code Chapter §153 (Zoning Ordinance). Speaking: Mayor Ronald Morrell

Executive summary: At the regular monthly meeting of the City of Marion Advisory Plan Commission on September 23, 2025, the main agenda item was a public hearing for the rezoning of 800 East Third Street from I-1 Light Industry to GB-General Business for a new restaurant and event center. The proposal aligns with the comprehensive plan's criteria and received a positive staff recommendation. The motion to approve the rezoning was made, seconded, and passed unanimously and subsequently passed on to the City Council.

General Ordinance 27-2025- Bonds for Marion Utilities 2nd reading and public hearing

An ordinance approving bonds for Marion Utilities.

Executive summary: An ordinance concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works of the City of Marion, Indiana, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of said sewage works, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said revenue bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Appropriation 15-2025- Additional Appropriation for Transportation

An additional appropriation for the City of Marion Transportation Department.

Executive summary: We need to address an issue with the transportation budget for account 2418. The 2022 audit report required that transportation have its own dedicated fund. However, by late 2023, the 2024 budget had already been completed and submitted to the council. As a result, no city funds were appropriated for the matching portion in either 2023 or 2024. To rectify this oversight, we are requesting an additional appropriation to correct these past years. The total city portion was \$638,658.00.

Additional Appropriation 16-2025- Additional Appropriation for Parks and Recreation

An additional appropriation for salaries for the park's security officers. Speaking: Rose Cadena and the Controller's office

Executive summary: This request is for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$27,972.00 to fund three security positions for our city parks. The goal is to enhance the safety and security of both the parks and their visitors. These security staff members will provide coverage for our parks at least 42 hours a week, seven days a week. The salary ordinance for these positions has already been approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marion Trick or Treat: October 31st, 5-9

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – OCTOBER 21, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
– CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in a regular session on TUESDAY, the 21st day of October 2025, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

On the call of the roll the members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, and Cowgill

Absent: Cain, Devine, and McKinley

Prayer: Keenan Davis, Chief Operating Officer

Pledge of Allegiance: Charles Moon

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT –

- Gary Fordyce highlights the return of two Marion police officers, Nate Birkheimer and Colton Compton, from a year-long deployment overseas.

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT-Trixi Morin Accounts payable, Controller's office

- Gary Fordyce introduces Trixi Morin, the accounts payable in the controller's office, for the city employee spotlight. Trixi's responsibilities include processing invoices, troubleshooting discrepancies, and managing the city's assets.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 21, 2025, minutes for October 07, 2025, preapproved claims and claims for OCTOBER 21, 2025

Vice President Gary Fordyce moves to approve the consent agenda, which includes the approval of minutes, pre-approved claims, and claims.

Motion to approve consent agenda- Brunner, second Cline. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mike Cline reports on the Board of Aviation Commissioners, mentioning construction plans for a partial parallel taxiway and the need for wetlands mitigation. He also notes the progress of the construction of a new fuel farm.
- Mike Cline expressed his excitement for the six Indiana Wesleyan Students and twenty-five high school students in the Aviation Academy.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 25-2025- Rezoning 800 E. 3rd Street 2nd reading and public hearing

An ordinance of the common council of the city of Marion amending Marion City Code Chapter §153.

- Mike Graft, the outgoing director of the planning department, supports the rezoning, stating it fits within the comprehensive plan.

Public hearing

None.

Motion to suspend the rules for General Ordinance 25- Cowgill, second Whitton. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 25-2025 - Cowgill, second Whitton. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 27-2025- Bonds for Marion Utilities 2nd reading and public hearing

An ordinance approving bonds for Marion Utilities.

- Utility Director Robin Schrader explains the bond is for ongoing control plan projects mandated by IDEM, with a total amount not to exceed \$12.2 million.

Public hearing

None.

Motion to suspend the rules for General Ordinance 27-2025 - Cowgill, second Brunner. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 27-2025- Cowgill, second Cline. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

Additional Appropriation 15-2025- Additional Appropriation for Transportation 1st hearing

An additional appropriation for the City of Marion Transportation Department

- Dana Gault explains the need to backfill the 2023 and 2024 budgets. She then confirms the 2025 and 2026 budget has already been funded.

Motion to pass additional appropriation 15-2025 to second reading and public hearing- Cowgill, second Whitton. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

Additional Appropriation 16-2025- Additional Appropriation for Parks and Recreation 1st hearing

An additional appropriation for salaries for the park's security office.

- Dana Gault confirms the \$27,972 will fund the positions for the rest of 2025, as they have already started.
- These positions are already in the 2026 budget this is just for the remainder of 2025.

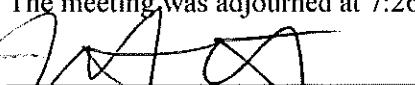
Motion to pass additional appropriation 16-2025 to second reading and public hearing- Cline, second Whitton. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

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- Marion Trick or Treating will be on October 31 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Motion to adjourn- Cowgill, second Cline. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.



Nick McKinley-President