

MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – NICK MCKINLEY VICE PRESIDENT – GARY FORDYCE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers

Date: November 18, 2025

Time: 7:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: Councilman David Cain

PRESENTATION OF COLORS: Marion JROTC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Jim Brunner

- God Bless America - Rita Faulkner
- National Anthem - Layla Price-Bodkin

ROLL CALL

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: Workforce Development Interns

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: City Employee Armed Forces Veterans

CONSENT AGENDA:

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2025
- CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
- CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Ordinance 28-2025- Adding no parking zones 2nd reading and public hearing

An ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the east side of Washington Street from 7th Street to 10th Street. Speaking: Administrative/Project manager Mike Graft

Executive summary: With the construction of the walking path and parking bump-outs along the west side of Washington Street from 7th Street to 9th Street, it reduces the overall travel lane width of Washington Street. This reduction prompted an engineering recommendation to create a 'No Parking' section on the east side of Washington Street to enhance traffic movement and overall public safety from 7th Street all the way to 10th Street.

General Ordinance 29-2025- 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: Mike Graft or Bryan Stumpf

Executive summary: At the regular monthly meeting of the City of Marion Advisory Plan Commission on October 28, 2025, the main agenda item was a public hearing for the rezoning of lots 78 and 79 of Gray Dodd's 1st Addition, being a part of the Family Express development at 301 S. Baldwin Ave., from R4-Medium Density

Single & Multi-Family Residential to GB-General Business, which is the same zoning as the remainder of the property in this development. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

General Ordinance 30-2025- Amending monthly water user rates 1st reading

An ordinance amending the monthly water user rates and charges for the city of Marion, Indiana. Speaking: Robin Shrader, Director of Marion Utilities

Executive summary: Introducing an ordinance to adopt water rates and charges sufficient to support the Utility's ongoing revenue requirements and obligations under Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miracle on 3rd and 4th Street, November 22, 2025 from 12:00pm -8:00 pm

Walkway of Lights parade, November 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Walkway of Lights Family Night, December 12, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 18, 2025 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in a regular session on TUESDAY, the 18th day of November 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: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, and McKinley

Absent: Cline

Prayer: Councilman David Cain

Presentation of Colors- Marion JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Jim Brunner

God Bless America- Rita Faulkner

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – YMCA Workforce Development Program

- Nick McKinley introduces the YMCA Workforce Development Program, led by Erika Devine.
- Erika Devine explains the program, which targets 11th and 12th graders with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, focusing on underrepresented communities.
- Ali Denton and Sierra Rangel discuss the program's structure, including hands-on work experience and professional mentorship.
- Several interns share their experiences and skills gained through the program.

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT-City Employee Veterans

- Nick McKinley honors city employee veterans, listing their names and branches of service.
- Brian Cowgill expresses gratitude to veterans for their sacrifices and contributions to the country.
- Nick McKinley thanks the veterans for their service and contributions to the city.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025, minutes for November 4, 2025, preapproved claims and claims for NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

President Nick McKinley moves for a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes the approval of minutes, pre-approved claims, and claims.

Motion to approve consent agenda- Cowgill, second Brunner. Aye: Fordyce, Brunner, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Abstain: Cain. Nay: none. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Erika Devine reports on the Board of Works meeting, including the swearing-in of new fire department privates and the approval of updated vehicles and a new trailer for the Parks Department.
- Erika Devine also reports on the Marion Utilities meeting, discussing SRF projects and the upcoming utility rate review by the state.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 28-2025- No Parking Zone 2nd reading and public hearing

An ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the east side of Washington Street from 7th Street to 10th Street.

- Mike Graft explains the engineering recommendation to enhance traffic movement and public safety.
- Councilman Jim Brunner requests the no parking zone to be on the other side of the street, but Mike Graft explains the logistics of the bump-outs.

Public hearing

None.

Motion to suspend the rules for General Ordinance 28-2025 Cowgill, second Brunner. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Nay: none. Motion passes.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 28-2025 - Cowgill, second Cain. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Devine Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Nay: none. Motion passes.

General Ordinance 29-2025- 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).

- Nick McKinley introduces General Ordinance 29-2025, which rezones lots 78 and 79 in Gray Dodge, First Edition, for the Family Express Development.
- Brian Stumpf explains the rezoning, which aligns with the comprehensive plan and received a unanimous favorable recommendation from the planning commission.

Motion to suspend the rules for General Ordinance 29-2025 -Cowgill, second Whitton. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Abstain: Cain. Nay: none. Motion passes.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 29-2025- Cowgill, second Whitton. Aye: Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Abstain: Cain. Nay: none. Motion passes.

General Ordinance 30-2025- Amending monthly water use rates 1st reading

An ordinance amending the monthly water user rates and charges for the city of Marion, Indiana.

- Nick McKinley introduces General Ordinance 30-2025, which amends the monthly water user rates.
- Robin Shrader explains that the increase would be approximately 44.24%.
- Robin Shrader and Jennifer Wilson explain the need for a rate increase due to financial deficits and the risk of a rate decrease by the IURC.
- The city will receive a PILOT payment (payment in lieu of taxes) for approximately \$265,000.
- It will be beneficial to recoup some of the cash reserves that have been lacking.
- The money in the cash reserves has been dwindling since about 2015.

Motion to pass General Ordinance to second reading, public hearing, and place into committee- Cain; second Cowgill. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Nay: none. Motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Walkway of Lights Family Night on December 12, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Marion Common Council attorney resumes, and cover letters are currently being accepted until December 5, 2025 at noon for the 2026 year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.



Nick McKinley-President