

MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – NICK MCKINLEY VICE PRESIDENT – GARY FORDYCE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers

Date: December 2, 2025

Time: 7:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: Brody Beiler, IWU Men's Cross Country Head Coach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Vice-President Gary Fordyce, Sr.

ROLL CALL

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: IWU Men's Cross Country, 2025 NAIA National Champions

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Adam Trexler, Marion Fire Department

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2025
- B. CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
- C. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Ordinance 30-2025- Amending monthly water user rates 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

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.

NEW BUSINESS

General Ordinance 31-2025 – Ordinance amending Order of Business – 1st Reading

An Ordinance of the Marion Common Council amending Order of Business on the Marion City Council agenda. Speaking: Nick McKinley, Council President.

Executive Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to consolidate the Community Spotlight and City Employee Spotlight on the Council Agenda down to just "Recognition – Spotlight".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walkway of Lights Family Night, 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.

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – DECEMBER 2, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
– CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in a regular session on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of December 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, Cline, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, and McKinley

Absent:

Prayer: Brody Belier, IWU Men's Cross Country Head Coach

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Gary Fordyce

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – IWU Men's Cross County, 2025 NAIA National Champions

- Nick McKinley introduces the Indiana Wesleyan University men's cross-country team as the community spotlight, highlighting their 2025 NAIA National Championship.
- The team had somewhere between 1200 and 1700 miles. They were undefeated with a 161 and 0 record, breaking several records.
- Nick McKinley asks team members to introduce themselves and state their hometowns.
- Nick McKinley and Brody Beiler express pride in the team's achievements and thank them for their presence.
- Jim Brunner asks about a key player who stepped up in the second half, and Brody Beiler identifies Grant Flora as the standout.

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT-Captain Adam Traxler, Marion Fire Department

- Nick McKinley introduces Captain Adam Trexler of the Marion Fire Department for the city employee spotlight.
- Captain Trexler describes his recent success in the firefighter challenge championship series, winning Rookie of the Year.
- He details the competition events, including carrying heavy equipment and sprinting with a dummy.
- Nick McKinley asks about the expenses related to the competition, and Adam Trexler explains the financial support from Lakeland Fire and Safety. Other ways to support will be released at a later date.
- Brian Cowgill expresses his support for Adam and mentions his efforts to secure corporate sponsors.
- Eddie Overmyer, Deputy Chief, praises Adam's achievements and the Marion Fire Department's overall excellence.
- Adam Trexler shares his goals for future competitions and his commitment to the sport.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 2, 2025 preapproved claims and claims for DECEMBER 2 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- Cain, second Cowgill. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Nay: none. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mike Cline provides a committee report on the Marion Airport, mentioning the fuel farm project and the Aviation Academy's grant application.

- The Aviation Academy is pursuing a grant for a new education center for up to 20 million dollars.
- This grant will potentially teach airplane maintenance, increase flight instruction capacity and add a drone program.
- Erika Devine reports on the Board of Works updated procurement policy and the Utilities Board's budget and contract discussions.
- Erika Devine also mentions the Public Works Committee's discussions on alley paving and the rate review request to the IURC.
- Erika Devine also reports on the Marion Utilities meeting, discussing SRF projects and the upcoming utility rate review by the state.

General Ordinance 30-2025- Amending monthly water use rates 2nd reading and public hearing

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 and Jennifer Wilson present the financial analysis, explaining the need for the rate increase due to operating expenses and debt service.
- The council members discuss the implications of the rate increase and the potential for a rate decrease if the debt service is not true-up.

Public hearing

- Charles Moon, a resident, expresses concerns about the rate increase but ultimately supports it.

Public hearing closed.

- The council members discussed the need for more information and the potential impact of the rate increase on residents.
- Robin Shrader and Jennifer Wilson clarify the financial details and the reasons behind the proposed rate increase.
- The council also discusses the need for better oversight and accountability from the utility board.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 30-2025- to 3rd reading with the request for more information to be provided before the next meeting- Cline; second Fordyce. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Nay: none. Motion passes.

General Ordinance 31, 2025-Amending Council Order of Business 1st reading

An Ordinance of the Marion Common Council amending Order of Business on the Marion City Council agenda.

- Nick McKinley introduces General Ordinance 31-2025, which proposes consolidating the community and city employee spotlights into a single spotlight category.

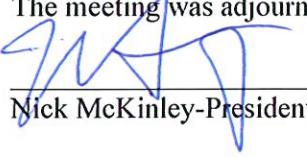
Motion to pass General Ordinance 31-2025 to 2nd reading and public hearing-Cain; second Brunner. Aye: Cain, Marshall, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Devine, Whitton, Cowgill, McKinley. Nay: none. Motion passes.

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- Marion Common Council attorney resumes, and cover letters are currently being accepted until December 5, 2025 at noon for the 2026 year.
- Public hearing on December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm for turning Adams, Washington and 1st Streets into two-way streets.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.



Nick McKinley-President