

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – JULY 21, 2026 – 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 July 2026, 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, Reyes, Brunner, Marshall, Whitton, Cowgill

Absent: Fordyce, Cline, Devine

Prayer: Pastor Alex Huskey

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman David Cain

SPOTLIGHT/RECOGNITION: International Children's Games teams

- Brian Cowgill introduces Aaron Murray and his team, who will represent Marion in the International Children's Games in Taiwan.
- Aaron Murray provides details about the team, including the number of athletes, coaches, and supporters.
- The team will compete in boys' soccer, girls' soccer, and boys' basketball, representing Marion and the United States.
- Aaron Murray thanks the community for their support and invites everyone to send the team off on their departure day.
- Jonathan Perez, the boys' soccer coach, introduces himself and shares his connection to the games.
- Jonathan Perez highlights the importance of the opportunity for the young athletes and thanks Mayor Morrell for his support.
- He emphasizes the responsibility and opportunity the athletes have to represent their community and country.
- Brian Cowgill expresses his excitement and support for the team, noting the unique opportunity they have.
- David Cain inquires about the availability of videos of the games on YouTube.
- Aaron Murray explains that updates will be posted on the Team Marion USA Facebook page.
- Jim Brunner asks about the duration of the trip, and Aaron Murray confirms it will be eight days.
- Brian Cowgill and other council members express their support and excitement for the team's future events.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR JULY 21, 2026 preapproved claims and claims for JULY 21, 2026.
President Brian Cowgill moves for a motion to approve the consent agenda for July 21, 2026.

Motion to approve the consent agenda for July 21, 2026- Cain, second Brunner. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Brunner, Marshall, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

RESOLUTION 10-2026- A resolution approving the amendment for the Economic Development Agreement

A resolution of the Common Council for Marion Indiana approving a first amendment to a certain Economic Development Agreement (Prysmian Cables & Systems USA)

- Joe Murphy presents the amended Economic Development Agreement for Prysmian Cable and Systems USA.
- This is a 32-million-dollar investment in their existing facility here in Marion.
- 29 jobs with an average of \$30 to \$31 per hour will be added.
- This is a 10-year personal property abatement. 100% in years one and two and then up to 90% in years three through ten.
- Joe Murphy explains the changes due to a new interpretation by the Department of Local Government Finance regarding personal property tax abatements.

Motion to pass Resolution 10-2026 -Cain, second Whitton. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Brunner, Marshall, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION 9A-2026-A resolution for Prysmian Cables

A Confirmatory Resolution designating certain property as an Economic Revitalization Area, authorizing and approving the statement of benefits (Prysmian)

- Joe Murphy presents Confirmatory Resolution 9A-2026. Stating this is the final action for the declaratory resolution that was passed for Prysmian Cables & Systems.
- It confirms it is a 10-year abatement with 100% for years one and two; and 90% in years three through ten.

Public Hearing

- Bill Creech, Ironwood, Marion, asked what happens if the 29 jobs are not fulfilled. He asked what kind of teeth are in this resolution.
- Council President Brian Cowgill and Councilman David Cain explained there are consequences for companies who do not fulfill their tax abatement obligations.

Public hearing closed.

Motion pass Resolution 9A-2026 -Cain, second Marshall. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Brunner, Marshall, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 13-2026-Appropriation for Park Bond

An additional appropriation appropriating \$25, 814.00 for a park bond.

- Dana Gault explains that an Additional Appropriation for \$360,687.61 was previously approved for a park bond.
- The DLGF recalculated the park bond and they are adding \$25,814 to make the total payments for July and December.
- Jim Brunner expressed concerns over the Dog Park.

Motion to pass Additional Appropriation 13-2026 to second reading and public hearing- Cain, second Brunner. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Brunner, Marshall, Whitton, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION 12-2026- Historic Gallatin

A resolution for the tax abatement for Historic Gallatin LLC.

- Joe Murphy and Brian Cowgill explain there are some issues with the tax abatement for Historic Gallatin.
- The company has asked for more time so that they can prepare for their hearing.
- The hearing was tabled to August 4, 2026.

MARION UTILITIES UPDATE

A brief update on financial, significant happening, current projects, and noteworthy issues on the horizon.

- Robin Schrader provides an update on Marion Utilities financials, significant happenings, current projects, and noteworthy issues.
- The water utility's cash position remains a concern, and the sewer utility is awaiting a decision on the Lime Lagoon project.
- Current projects include inventorying new water meters and addressing a soil contamination issue in the combined sewer overflow project.
- Future projects include significant reduction of combined sewer overflows at Spencer Avenue and Bond Avenue, with an estimated cost of \$100 million to \$200 million.

MARION UTILITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

The council's appointment expires on July 31, 2026. The new appointment will begin August 1, 2026 and end July 31, 2030.

- The council interviews three candidates for the utility board appointment: Troy Phillips, Cindy Leaming, and Justin Faw.
- Troy Phillips emphasizes his military service, utility experience, and commitment to integrity and accountability.
- Cindy Leaming highlights her extensive community service, public board experience, and institutional knowledge of Marion Utilities.
- Justin Faw discusses his leadership experience, public service education, and commitment to transparency and budget responsibility.

Troy Phillips: 0 votes,
Cindy Leaming: 1 vote
Justin Faw: 5 votes

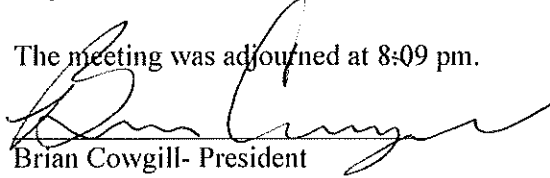
Justin Faw is appointed as the new council appointment for the Marion Utilities Service Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Motion to adjourn- Cain, seconded Brunner. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Brunner, Marshall, Whitton, Cowgill.
Nay: none. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.


Brian Cowgill- President