

MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – BRIAN COWGILL VICE PRESIDENT – ERIKA DEVINE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers

Date: September 15, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: MPD Captain Drew Tittle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Jim Brunner

ROLL CALL

RECOGNITION-SPOTLIGHT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING September 1, 2026
- B. CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
- C. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS
- D. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Ordinance 04-2026 Amending General Ordinance 13-1995-2nd reading public hearing

Ordinance amending General Ordinance 13-1995 turning 2nd Street to a two-way street between Adams and Branson. Speaking: Mike Graft Administrative and Project Manager and Chairman of Traffic Commission

Executive summary: Pursuant to the recent vacation of 1st Street from Branson to Adams it was determined by the Traffic Commission that 2nd Street direction be changed to assist in Public Safety vehicles access to Washington Street be preserved. This amendment will provide the movement of traffic to stay consistent with this request and provide access for local businesses.

Additional Appropriation 15-2026- Appropriation for Fire Truck 2nd reading public hearing

An appropriation appropriating \$725,000 for a fire truck. Speaking: Fire Chief Curtis Garr

Executive summary: The Marion Fire Department is welcoming a new Fire Engine and will need to be fully equipped and ready for work. Having the right type of equipment impacts Marion Fire Department's readiness to respond to emergencies.

2027 Budget-2027 City of Marion Budget-2nd reading public hearing

We are pleased to share the 2027 Budget for the City of Marion. This budget reflects our continued commitment to the city's mission and long-term goals. Speaking: Honorable Mayor, Ronald Morrell Jr.

Executive summary: Our administration's top priority remains providing excellent community services and showing appreciation for our employees' hard work and dedication. We are pleased to present a balanced budget for 2027 and anticipate maintaining our cash reserve balance.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 13-2026- 1st Amendment to Project Agreement (Boots Street)

A resolution of the Common Council for the City of Marion, Indiana approving First Amendment to Project agreement (Boots Street). Speaking: Joe Murphy, Economic Development Director

Executive summary: On or around April 21, 2026, the City of Marion entered into a Project Agreement with BW Development LLC for the development and construction of the Project consisting of a minimum of: (i) two separate buildings containing approximately 66 multi-family units, (ii) 4,945 sf of retail/office, (iii) 6,100 sf of indoor amenity spaces, and (iv) adequate surface parking containing approximately 125 parking spaces on the Project Site. The purpose of the First Amendment is to simply extend the Outside Closing Date, which is September 30, 2026. The parties intend to Close on financing next month. The RDC approved the First Amendment at its September 11, 2026, meeting.

General Ordinance 05-2026 – Salary Ordinance and \$250 flex dollars for appointed officers and employees- 1st reading

An ordinance fixing the maximum salary of appointed officers and employees; and annual payment of flex dollars (\$250) to non-contractual full-time employees of the City of Marion, Indiana for the year of 2027. Speaking: Mayor Ronald Morrell Jr.

Executive summary: We are pleased to share the 2027 Salary Ordinance for the City of Marion.

General Ordinance 06-2026- Salary Ordinance for Fire Department-1st reading

An ordinance fixing the maximum salaries for firefighters for the City of Marion, Indiana for the year 2027. Speaking: Mayor Ronald Morrell Jr.

Executive summary: We are pleased to share the 2027 Salary Ordinance for the City of Marion Fire Fighters.

General Ordinance 07-2026- Salary Ordinance for Police Department- 1st reading

An ordinance fixing the maximum salaries for police officers for the City of Marion, Indiana for the year 2027. Speaking: Mayor Ronald Morrell Jr.

Executive summary: We are pleased to share the 2027 Salary Ordinance for the City of Marion police department.

General Ordinance 08-2026- Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials- 1st reading

An ordinance fixing maximum salaries of elected officials of the City of Marion, Indiana, for the year of 2027. Speaking: Mayor Ronald Morrell Jr.

Announcements

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – September 15, 2026– 7:00 P.M. –
CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in a regular session on TUESDAY, the 15th day of September 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, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill

Absent: Marshall

Prayer: Marion Police Department Captain Drew Tittle

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Jim Brunner

SPOTLIGHT/RECOGNITION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 preapproved claims and claims for
September 15, 2026

President Brian Cowgill moves for a motion to approve the consent agenda for September 15, 2026.

Motion to approve the consent agenda for September 15, 2026- Cain, second Brunner. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mike Cline reports that the Aviation Board met September 3. The board approved a final pay request of \$10,000 for the design engineers and closed out the design stage for the new partial parallel taxiway toward runway 33, and now it's moving to the construction phase. And for that phase, the board awarded, pending all the legal reviews they have to do, the contract to construct the taxiway be extension and draining work to Brooks Construction for \$668,441.70, and also pending legal review, the board approved construction services contract with Wolpert, the engineering firm and design firm they work with, for \$285,819.20 for the Jet A fuel system design and construction. The board approved payments to the construction and engineering firms totaling \$112,126.88, and it also gave the final project acceptance letter for the other part of the fuel system, the 100-octane low lead fuel system design and construction. The board approved a \$7,000 invoice. Excuse me, invoice to Woolpert, the engineering design firm. It approved a change order that reduced Strebig Construction's contract by \$8,900. Total contract equals \$634,907.51, and it approved Strebig's final pay application for \$59,408.34, and it approved signing that final project acceptance order, and the board accepted Strebig Construction's bid of \$614,389.72 for a new four-unit T hangar, and it awarded Strebig the contract pending legal reviews and also pending all the reviews. The board amended Wolbert design services contract to include additional design services, and that amount is \$149,075. And it also approved design payments \$4,000 to Hanson Inc.

- Mayor Ronald Morrell stated it was a great turn out and a great ceremony remembering the events of 9/11. He expressed his gratitude for everyone who attended the ribbon cutting and reopening of Fire Station 1.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 04-2026- Changing 2nd Street to a two-way street

Ordinance amending General Ordinance 13-1995 turning 2nd Street to a two-way street between Adams and Branson.

- Mike Graft Administrative and Project Manager and Chairman of Traffic Commission reviewed the information on changing 2nd Street to a two-way street between Adams and Branson.

Public hearing.

None.

Motion to suspend the rules for General Ordinance 04-2026- Cain second Cline. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 04-2026- Cain, second Reyes. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 15-2026- Appropriating \$725,000 for fire truck

An appropriation appropriating \$725,000 for a fire truck.

- Fire Chief Curtis Garr reviews Additional Appropriation 15-2026 for a fire truck and equipment.

Public hearing.

None.

Motion to suspend the rules for Additional Appropriation 15-2026- Cain, second Brunner. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

Motion to pass Additional Appropriation 15-2026- Cain, second Reyes. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

2027 Budget

The city of Marion administration presented the 2027 budget.

- Mayor Ronald Morrell presented the 2027 City of Marion budget, noting it is a balanced budget.
- Mayor Morrell reports the city does not need to buy new equipment for the person to do demolitions.
- Mike Cline does not like the elected officials voting themselves raises while they are in office.

Public hearing.

None.

Motion to pass the 2027 budget to third reading- Cain, second Devine. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: Cline. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION 13-2026-1st Amendment to Project Agreement (Boots Street)

A resolution of the Common Council for the City of Marion, Indiana approving First Amendment to Project Agreement (Boots Street).

- Joe Murphy explains this is for the AI Rose at the Banks project. There are two separate buildings housing 66 multifamily units, about 5,000 square feet of retail space and 6,000 square feet of indoor amenity space for the tenants.
- The original closing date was set for September 31, 2026, but a request is being made to extend it through January of 2027.
- Action has been taken through CDC and RDC to convey 11 parcels that are involved in the development project.
- The new target date is October 22, 2026. Groundbreaking will be in a little over a month.

Motion to pass Resolution 13-2026- Cain, second Cline. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 05-2026-Salaray ordinance and \$250 flex dollars for appointed officers and employees 1 reading.

An ordinance fixing the maximum salary of appointed officers and employees; and annual payment of flex dollars (\$250) to non-contractual full-time employees of the City of Marion, Indiana for the year of 2027.

- Mayor Ronald Morrell explains that this the Salary Ordinance for the employees of the city of Marion for 2027.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 05-2026 to second reading public hearing- Cain, second Whitton. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

GENERAL ORDINACE 06-2026- Salary ordinance for Fire Fighters

An ordinance fixing the maximum salaries for firefighters for the City of Marion, Indiana for the year 2027.

- Mayor Ronald Morrell explains that is the Salary Ordinance for the Fire Department for the year 2027.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 06-2026 to second reading public hearing- Cain, second Cline. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none. Motion carries.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 07-2026- Salary for Marion Police Officers

An ordinance fixing the maximum salaries for police officers for the City of Marion, Indiana for the year 2027.

- Mayor Ronald Morrell explains this is the Salary Ordinance for Marion Police Department for the year 2027.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 07-2026 to second reading public hearing- Cain, second Reyes.
Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Cline, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: none.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 08-2026-Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials

An ordinance fixing maximum salaries of elected officials of the City of Marion, Indiana, for the year of 2027.

- Mayor Ronald Morrell explains this ordinance if for Elected Officials.

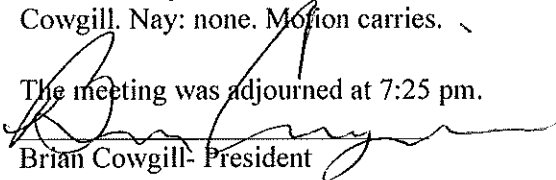
Motion to pass General Ordinance 08-2026 to second reading public hearing- Cain, second Reyes. Aye: Cain, Reyes, Fordyce, Brunner, Whitton, Devine, Cowgill. Nay: Cline. Motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Andy Whitton announced Amplify Marion on Saturday. It has been moved to the Y due to the rain.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.


Brian Cowgill- President