

MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – BRIAN COWGILL VICE PRESIDENT – ERIKA DEVINE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers

Date: October 06, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: Day Shift Sergeant Joe Biddle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Mike Cline

ROLL CALL

RECOGNITION-SPOTLIGHT: S.O.S. (Save Our Stories)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING September 15, 2026
- B. CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
- C. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS
- D. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2027 Budget-2027 City of Marion Budget-3rd reading

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.

General Ordinance 05-2026 – Salary Ordinance and \$250 flex dollars for appointed officers and employees-2nd reading public hearing

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-2nd reading public hearing

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- 2nd reading public hearing

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- 2nd reading public hearing

An ordinance fixing maximum salaries of elected officials 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 elected officials for the City of Marion.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Aviation- Request for council approval

A request approval to look for financing just in case invoices are received prior to receiving the IDEM reimbursement funds. Speaking: Ray Dosh

Executive summary: The Board of Aviation is requesting Council authorization to obtain a loan of up to \$422,532.72 to pay the local portion for the construction of four additional T-hangar units. Actual construction on this project is not expected to get underway until mid to late 2027 due to availability of materials and will largely be funded by IDEM reimbursement funds for the removal of our AvGas underground storage tank (which funds are not anticipated until 2027). The requested loan would be used to pay any design fees invoiced prior to the end of this year and in excess of funds currently available in our 6603 (Capital Improvement Projects) account.

General Ordinance 09-2026- Rezone- of 759 S. Lenfesty 1st reading

An ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana amending Marion City Code Chapter §153 (Zoning Ordinance) and providing for the effective date thereof. Speaking: Mike Graft Administrative and Project Manager and Chairman of Traffic Commission

Executive summary: The project site is developed with a church. The current tenant is relocating to a new site and would like to sell this property. To increase the property's marketability and allow reuse, the applicant requests rezoning from R3 Residential to Professional Business (PB) zoning district.

Resolution 14-2026- A resolution for a local match

A resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment from the Marion Common Council for the City of Marion's application for the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs owner-occupied rehabilitation program.

Executive summary: This resolution authorizes the City of Marion to apply for \$350,000 in CDBG funding through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) Program, Cycle 3 2026 (deadline November 1, 2026), and commits \$100,000 in local match, the existing annual budget of the Marion Home Repair Assistance Program, to be used solely with the OOR funds. If awarded, the program's total budget would grow from \$100,000 to \$480,000, raising assistance from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per home and serving more households, with priority for seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans. The Affordable Housing Corporation would be the subrecipient and grant administrator as well as program administrator, relieving the Building Department of this workload. If the application is unsuccessful, the \$100,000 remains available to the City for the existing program.

Update from Marion Utilities

An update from Marion Utilities regarding the Long-Term-Control Plan and projects. Speaking: Robin Shrader, Director of Marion Utilities.

Executive summary: A summary of findings and recommendations from Commonwealth Engineers related to Marion Utilities final Long-Term-Control Plan projects and associated implications for the wastewater treatment facility, financial considerations, and necessity for IDEM approval.

Announcements:

Marion Parks and Recreation Fall Fest on October 24, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.