

CITY OF MAROA

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CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 p.m.

- ROLL CALL:

Aldersperson Monty Greutman	Present
Aldersperson Mark Hunter	Not Present
Aldersperson Jeremiah Grider	Present-Via Zoom
Aldersperson Blake West	Present
Aldersperson Matt Riley	Present
Aldersperson Angela Bogle	Present
Mayor Ryan Wilkey	Present
City Clerk Crystal Parrott	Present
City Administrator Ted Agee	Present
City Treasurer Randi Amettis	Not Present
City Attorney Lindsey Wise	Present
Chief of Police Mike Donaker	Present
Superintendent of Public Works Mike Hoffman	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Led by Mayor Wilkey.

MAYOR WILKEY ASKED COUNCIL IF ALDERPERSON GRIDER WAS APPROVED TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM.

COUNCIL APPROVED ALDERPERSON GRIDER TO JOIN IN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM.

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- **WASTE MANAGEMENT (GFL) ISSUES:**
 - Residents expressed severe frustration regarding GFL's failure to pick up trash and recycle consistently, citing missed weeks during extreme heat. Complaints highlighted poor customer service, including dismissive attitudes from remote call centers (Peoria, 76 miles away) and a lack of on-site resolution. Residents noted that city staff are unfairly burdened as the first point of contact for complaints they cannot resolve. A GFL representative admitted to being short-staffed (down 9 drivers) but faced pushback from the City Attorney regarding material breach of contract due to non-performance. Additionally, small business owners raised concerns about being forced into expensive commercial dumpster contracts rather than paying based on volume. Customer Service quality and communication gaps.
 - The current service level by GFL constitutes a potential material breach of contract. The City cannot accept "staffing shortages" as a perpetual excuse for non-performance while residents pay for services not rendered. The relationship is strained, and the City is prepared to enforce contractual cure periods or explore legal remedies.
 - Draft Formal Breach Letter is to be sent to our City Attorney (Lindsay Wise) Immediately. Must outline material defects, cite contract terms, and demand a corrective action plan within the contractual cure period (likely 30 days).
- **YOUTH SPORTS AND FACILITY SCHEDULING:**
 - Representatives from the local travel ball organization reported conflicts with the Forsyth Fire youth league regarding access to city ball diamonds. Issues include Forsyth booking fields for practices they do not hold, effectively blocking local teams from scheduling games. There is confusion over scheduling priorities and a lack of communication between the two organizations, despite previous agreements to coordinate.
 - The current ad-hoc scheduling method is failing both leagues. A structured, mediated agreement with clear rules on practice vs. game priority is required to prevent further community friction.
 - Schedule Mediation Meeting with the City Administrator to be scheduled for next week. Convened with the Maroa Youth League, Forsyth Fire representatives, and Park Board to resolve field scheduling conflicts.

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AUGUST 3, 2026, OPEN MEETING MINUTES:

- Motion by Alderperson Riley to approve August 3, 2026, Open Meeting Minutes.
- Second by Alderperson Hunter.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 3, 2026, OPEN MEETING MINUTES.**

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

AUGUST 3, 2026, CLOSED MEETING MINUTES:

- Motion by Alderperson Hunter to approve August 3, 2026, Closed Meeting Minutes.
- Second by Alderperson Greutman.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 3, 2026, CLOSED MEETING MINUTES.**

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

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POLICE REPORT:

- POLICE CRISIS INTERVENTION:
 - Chief Donaker presented a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a behavioral health provider. The initiative involves equipping patrol cars with rugged iPads. Officers can instantly connect via video call to a crisis specialist during mental health episodes, allowing for professional de-escalation and immediate referral to care, reducing the burden on law enforcement officers who are not trained clinicians. Records Management System (RMS): County-wide pilot adopted; enables case assignment, lead tracking, and interdepartmental data sharing.
 - The iPad crisis intervention tool is a viable, low-training solution to improve public safety outcomes during mental health crises and will be implemented immediately upon signing the MOU.
 - Upon MOU signature. Procure devices, install in vehicles, and conduct a 1-hour staff training.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Garbage contract enforcement and property foreclosure updates.

ENGINEER REPORT:

NO REPORT

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ADMINISTRATOR/ZONING REPORT

- **INFRASTRUCTURE AND ZONING (J-TURN OPPOSITION):**
 - The Administrator reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) plans to install "J-turn" intersections at Wood Street and Washington Street on Route 51 without prior city consultation. The administration argues this will devastate local commercial development and retail sales. A resolution was drafted to formally oppose the project, request a pause on funding/approvals, and demand new traffic studies reflecting the current 45 mph speed limit.
 - The proposed J-turns are detrimental to Marillo's economic interests. The City must take an aggressive stance to halt the project until a collaborative review with local stakeholders occurs.
 - Sending resolution and cover letters to 9 recipients (Senators, IDOT, Governor, etc.) requesting a project hold.
 - Park amenities, grant applications, sewer plant advisory, and Wood Street project assessments.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

- **APPOINTMENTS FOR ZONING BOARD:**
 - Mayor Wilkey tabled next month's meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/09/08-R1: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) FUNDING CYCLE 17 FOR PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE FACILITIES.

- Motion by Alderperson West to approve Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Funding Cycle 17 for Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities.
- Second by Alderperson Bogle.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026/09/08-R1: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) FUNDING CYCLE 17 FOR PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE FACILITIES.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

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RESOLUTION 2026/09/08-R2: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED J-TURN INTERSECTIONS AT WASHINGTON STREET AND WOOD STREET ON U.S. ROUTE 51 AND REQUESTING AN IMMEDIATE HOLD PENDING COMPLETE REVIEW AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.

- Motion by Alderperson West to approve Resolution Opposing the Proposed J-Turn Intersections at Washington Street and Wood Street on U.S. Route 51 And Requesting an Immediate Hold Pending Complete Review and Public Involvement.
- Second by Alderperson Bogle.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026/09/08-R2: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED J-TURN INTERSECTIONS AT WASHINGTON STREET AND WOOD STREET ON U.S. ROUTE 51 AND REQUESTING AN IMMEDIATE HOLD PENDING COMPLETE REVIEW AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Aldersperson Blake West	Aye
Aldersperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Aldersperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Aldersperson Matt Riley	Aye
Aldersperson Mark Hunter	Absent
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ORDINANCE 2026/09/08-1: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MAROA, ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY AND THOUVENOT, WADE & MOERCHEN, INC. (TWM).

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve Ordinance 2026/09/08-1: An Ordinance Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Maroa, Illinois, Macon County and Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM).
- Second by Alderperson West.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026/09/08-1: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MAROA, ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY AND THOUVENOT, WADE & MOERCHEN, INC. (TWM).

- **ROLL CALL:**

Aldersperson Blake West	Aye
Aldersperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Aldersperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Aldersperson Matt Riley	Aye
Aldersperson Mark Hunter	Absent
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TASK ORDER #1: STP IEPA ADVISORY SERVICES. - TWM ENGINEERING.

- Motion by Alderperson West to approve Task Order #1: STP IEPA Advisory Services. - TWM Engineering.
- Second by Alderperson Greutman

MOTION TO APPROVE TASK ORDER #1: STP IEPA ADVISORY SERVICES. - TWM ENGINEERING.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

SUPPLEMENT #1: WOOD ST BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PE I DESIGN SERVICES. - TWM ENGINEERING.

- Motion by Alderperson West to approve Supplement #1: Wood St Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Pe I Design Services. - Twm Engineering.
- Second by Alderperson Greutman

MOTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENT #1: WOOD ST BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PE I DESIGN SERVICES. - TWM ENGINEERING.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Nay
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

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CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR FOR 2027

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve the City Council Calendar for 2027.
- Second by Alderperson Riley

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR FOR 2027

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**

SHUT-OFF CALENDER FOR 2027

- Motion by Alderperson Bogle to approve the Shut-Off Calendar for 2027.
- Second by Alderperson Riley

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SHUT-OFF CALENDER FOR 2027

- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **HARVEST FESTIVAL:**
 - The Harvest Festival is to be held on October 3rd at City Hall.
 - The band is already booked (Blackout Betty). Will be reaching out to more craft vendors. Food vendors are all set.
 - There will be a car show and ball games going on that Saturday. Ball games continue on Sunday.
 - The church will be doing a cake walk.
 - Working on getting a few different activities for the kids.
 - We will have a smore bar outside with firepits to roast marshmallows.

BILLS:

AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2026 BILLS WITH ADDITIONS OF DUNN COMPANY FOR \$633.27.

- Motion by Alderperson West to approve paying the August/ September 2026 bills with additions Dunn Company for \$633.27.
- Second by Alderperson Riley.
- **MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING THE AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2026 BILLS WITH ADDITIONS OF DUNN COMPANY FOR \$633.27.**
- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

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ADJOURN:

- Motion by Alderperson Riley to adjourn the meeting.
- Second by Alderperson West.
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- **ROLL CALL:**

Alderperson Blake West	Aye
Alderperson Angela Bogle	Aye
Alderperson Jeremiah Grider	Aye
Alderperson Matt Riley	Aye
Alderperson Mark Hunter	Absent
Alderperson Monty Greutman	Aye

- **MOTION CARRIED.**
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.**

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APPROVAL RECORD:

City of Maroa, Illinois
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 8th, 2026

Crystal Parrott

Crystal Parrott, City Clerk

10-05-2026

Date Approved

SEAL