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AGENDA FOR September 28, 2026 Marion City Council Meeting
Marion City Hall at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE TO VISITORS (Subject to Ordinance No. 3128 as amended by Ordinance No. 3134)**
 - A. Ty Peterson, AFSCME Council 31, Staff Representative
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **INVOICES**
 - 1) Approve an invoice from Georgia Expo for new pipe and bases, plus drapery for The Pavilion, a budgeted item.
 - 2) Approve a quote from McPherson Enterprises for soft washing the building at The Pavilion, a budgeted item.
 - 3) Approve an estimate from The Stage Depot for a new portable stage at The Pavilion, a budgeted item.
 - 4) Approve a quote from Byassee Music & Sound for a new Vivitek Projector, a budgeted item. *Note: A donation is expected from the Civic Center Foundation to offset a portion of the cost.
 - 5) Approve invoice from Southern Illinois Redi-Mix, Inc for concrete for the Refuge levee, part of the Moore Park Drainage project.
 - B. **MINUTES**
 - 1) Discuss/Approve minutes from the September 14, 2026 city council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING**
 - A. Discuss/Approve FY27 TIF Grant applications received through September 25, 2026.
6. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**
 - A. Discuss/Adopt Resolution 2026-24, supporting Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center and the expansion of mental health services available in Southern Illinois.

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- B. Discuss/Approve renewing employee health insurance coverage through the Hope Trust for 2027.
- C. Discuss/Approve the annual renewal with Benistar Group Retiree Health Solutions for the retiree Medicare supplement plan.
- D. Discuss/Approve Ordinance 4138, amending Ordinance 4041 that banned the sale and delivery of Kratom and its derivatives within the City of Marion.
- E. Discuss/Approve Ordinance 4139, establishing licensing requirements, location restrictions, operational requirements, and enforcement provisions for the retail sale of tobacco products, nicotine products, electronic smoking devices, hemp-derived cannabinoid products, and related paraphernalia within the City of Marion.
- F. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2026-25, appropriating Opioid Settlement Funds to support an additional police officer within the Marion Police Department Narcotics and Street Crimes Unit for opioid and substance-use remediation, prevention, enforcement, and related activities.

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

8. MISCELLANEOUS

9. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) LITIGATION, PROPERTY, PERSONNEL.

10. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT