

Regular Meeting Village Hall Monday, August 17, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Mayor Riley Goodwin presiding. Trustees present were Kevin McDonald, Kenneth (Butch) Chandler, Todd Kinzel, John Baker and Chris Klingeman. Mike Marler was absent.

Michelle Birkner-Treasurer, Jackie Surmeier-Water Clerk, Chris Daugherty-Building & Zoning, David Schneidewind-Village Attorney and Chief Laura Ottens were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors were Mike Trotter-County Journal, Caren Touchette, Calvin Touchette and Dave Owens.

Citizens Wishing to Speak:

Dave Owens inquired about the retention pond that the Village is looking to put in behind his home. He wanted to know if it was going to hold water or be empty or if it was going to be a lake and how deep it would be and if the water would be controlled. He also asked if it had ever been mined. Riley told him that when they had more information, they would let him know. They are in the beginning stages and trying to get a grant for the project and it is still a long way out from starting.

Calvin & Caren Touchette wanted some clarification on the sewer/septic they are needing for a new home build. They would like to tie into city sewer. They own two different parcels, and it was suggested that they go to the Court House and combine the two parcels into one.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Butch to approve the previous meeting minutes from August 3, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Todd to approve the Village financial reports. The Village made \$9,000.00 in interest last month from Busey Bank. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Chris to approve paying the bills. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Correspondence: None.

Mayors Report: Riley reported he spoke with Terri Holloway regarding the ditch clean out that runs next to her home. She is worried that if they start at the opposite end from her

then it will increase the flood risk at her home. Riley and John agree that they will start at her ditch and work the opposite direction. Letters will go out to all residents with updates. A few of the residents would like a meeting to discuss details. This project occurs every 10 years. Village Attorney David Schneidewind has withdrawn as Village Attorney effective August 31, 2026. He assures a smooth transition with new council. Riley wishes him well and thanks David for his professionalism and dedication to the Village of Marissa. A part time Officer was hired at \$22.00 per hour to assist with clerical demands of the Police department. Riley thanked John Baker for filling in for him last meeting due to the passing of a family member. Several compliments were given about the new electrical outlets at the South Park. Summer help has started back to school and left the street workers shorthanded. Riley approved Justin to hire a worker thru the co-op program for 3 hours a day. 860 residents have water and there were no ate bills this month. The stop light at the 4-way stop was removed and Ameren removed the meter. Twelve electrical outlets will be added to the power poles along Main St for holiday decorations. Michelle is compiling a list of surplus real estate and other items to sell. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026, due to Labor Day.

Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building and Streets. Kevin reported that the band parents were happy with the improvements made to the stand for Coal Festival. Upgrades at the park were nice.

John -Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A. John reported that Gonzalez forwarded a brief report from the soil borings at the retention pond. The Village received a grant for the Live Scan Equipment. John contacted KWD and George Martin whose company remotely manages the wastewater controls to ask about security of the systems. KWD assured John that their system is secure from hacking and can be ran manually if needed. They invited John, Butch and Kendall to come tour the plant. George Martin also assured John that the controls are resilient from external hacking. John would like Kendall to learn how to operate the wastewater system manually in case of controls failure.

Butch-Utilities-Water and Sewer. Butch reported that a new Marissa sign was ordered for the South end of town. Butch is getting bids to fix Village Hall's door. New Fire Hydrant is ordered and will be installed once it comes in. Waste Management would like to hire 3 laborers to pick up trash a few days a week. Michelle is advertising in the newspaper for a new plow truck. KWD is raising rates, so we must raise our water rates .25 per 1,000 gallons. The Presbyterian Church wants to replace the cracked and broken sidewalks. They will do all the work if the Village will pay for the concrete. A residential property on Euclid St. will be cleaned up in a few weeks.

Chris-Finance, Ordinances, Personnel and Budget. Chris reported that they had a personnel committee and finance committee meeting and a few of those items would be

discussed later in the meeting. A new personnel policy is in the works. They decided that the nepotism ordinance will not be changed.

Todd-Beautification. Todd reported that Yard of the Month for August went to Merle and Jeannie Schmierbach. The Village looked nice for Coal Festival. New plants will be hung once the temperatures cool down.

Mike-Landfill- No report. Absent.

Building & Zoning: Chris reported that he did a few inspections. 2 inspections passed and 1 failed.

Old Business:

John made a motion to approve the \$6,200.00 bid from Becky's for the demolition of a mobile home at 428 East Drive. Motion was seconded by Butch. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

The consideration of approving a new sewer/septic system for Calvin & Caren Touchette at 308 West Hall was tabled.

John made a motion to approve a business license for Bold & Bright Painting Co. -Justin Raban. Motion was seconded by Butch. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-no, John -yes.

The consideration to approve to either fix the plow truck or purchase a new one was tabled.

Chris made a motion to approve paying Kendall the \$5.00 per hour raise for working at the sewer plant. Motion was seconded by Todd. Butch spoke with the BA and they are ok with him getting the raise. The finance committee discussed doing an MOU. Article 9 of the street workers contract allows for a superintendent to have a \$2.00 higher rate pay. We can change that to \$5.00. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

The consideration for the breakroom project at the street shed was postponed. The bids came back higher than expected. The finance committee would like to set aside the \$80,000.00 that was budgeted and save it for next year's budget and possibly add more money for the project.

New Business:

Butch made a motion to approve the Knights of Columbus to hold a tootsie roll drive on September 18-19 from 8:00am-6:00pm Motion was seconded by John. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Kevin made a motion to approve a park request for the American Legion to host a Fall Festival o October 10, 2026, from 10:00am-10:00pm Motion was seconded by John. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

John made a motion to approve funding for the Fall Festival. Motion was seconded by Todd. The Village budgets \$5,000.00 for activities and last years festival was around \$600.00. The amount is not to exceed \$2,00.00. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -absent, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

The personnel committee discussed de-escalation training being mandatory for all Village employees and Trustees. John got quotes from 2 different companies and they were \$4,000.00 and \$6,000.00. Chris teaches de-escalation training at his job and will come and teach it for the Village at no cost. He said he can take a day and have two different classes.

Chris made a motion to adjourn. Butch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm. Motion passed. 5-ayes, 0-nayes, 1-absent.