



# MINUTES

## City Council Special Session

1:45 PM - Thursday, March 27, 2025

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

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The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in special session, on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 2:01 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Gage Miskimen, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Sara Mentzer

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution No. 32314 setting date of public hearing for April 17, 2025 regarding the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Strnad, to approve Resolution No. 32314. Deputy Finance Director Brian McKenzie provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program portion of the proposed budget. Councilmember Jensen asked if the City Manager could explain the budget process. City Manager Ryan Waller outlined the year-long process including multiple touchpoints with City Council. Waller explained that all departments start from zero and must justify all expenditures that are submitted. Waller spoke about how the City handles position vacancies, partnerships with the private sector and other methods used to make sure tax dollars go as far as possible. Councilmember Harper asked for clarification of the aquatic center process. City Manager Ryan Waller stated the aquatic center project would be on the November 2025 ballot and would need approved by residents. He clarified any work being done now is to make sure residents are fully aware of any impacts. Information on the many ways residents can reach out with questions were provided.

Approved unanimously

### ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Gazette on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk