

**City of Marquette Council Meeting**  
**Marquette City Hall**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00PM**

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Loper, Melver, and Schneider. Absent: Cornell, Hemmer. Motion by Melver, second by Loper to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 01/09/24 and 1/27/24 minutes, bills & claims from 01/10/24-02/13/24 of \$66,326.79, January reconciliations, treasurer's report, budget report with revenue of \$134,366.24, and expenses of \$103,673.95 and department reports from Police, Chamber, DAWC, Library, and City Manager. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public comment: Dennis Mason reported the Depot Historical Committee met. They plan to apply for 501C3 status and have identified folks interested in work and volunteering. Many local residents spoke in favor of establishing mountain bike & hiking trails in the evacuation route area despite the fact that this project had not been identified in the Comprehensive or Community Visioning plans or included in the budget. After in depth discussion, motion by Schneider, second by Melver to approve \$6000 to improve a ½ mile trail on condition of finding out about liability insurance and getting the community action club going to help with fundraising. Roll call vote, ayes: Melver, Schneider, nays: Loper; motion carried. Motion by Melver, second by Loper to move forward to draft an Ordinance to establish an urban deer management hunt with the DNR for bow hunting in the evacuation route area. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to approve an engagement letter with Dorsey/Whitney to assist with Urban Renewal Amendment and TIF certification for housing infrastructure and road improvement projects. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Council reviewed information on water reservoir replacement for consideration in the 24/25 budget. Motion by Schneider, second Loper to post the position for DAWC intern. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melver, second by Loper to set a public hearing for the FY 24/25 proposed property tax levy for April 9, 2024 at 5:30PM. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to set a public hearing for the FY 23/24 Budget Amendment for March 12, 2024 at 6PM. Council set a budget workshop for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. No Mayor report.

Motion by Schneider, second by Loper to enter into closed session at 6:59PM in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(J) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 7:13PM with roll call. No closed session action was taken. Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to adjourn at 7:13PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

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Stephen Weipert, Mayor

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Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk