

**City of Marquette Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00PM**

Mayor Weipert called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Melder, Hemmer, Schneider. Absent: Gilman. Mayor opened the public hearing for the FY23/24 Budget. No comments. Budget hearing closed. Motion by Hemmer, second by Schneider to approve Resolution 2023-04 adopting the FY 23/24 Budget. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to approve the consent agenda to include: amended agenda by moving item 13 to after public comments, 03/14/23 minutes, bills & claims from 03/15/23-04/11/23 of \$126,108.60, March bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$96,972.62 in revenue and \$44,041.54 in expenses, Delta 3 contract payment of \$2,825.00 for the UV project, and liquor license renewal for Casino Queen. Roll call vote, ayes: Cornell, Hemmer, Schneider, abstain: Melder, motion carried.

No public comments. S. Schneider has submitted a request to purchase the alley adjacent to the south side of his property. Per city code, the Zoning Committee will meet on April 18 and make a recommendation to Council. Vavra's were in attendance to report that they plan to turn over the marina, gas, and restaurant operations over to Jeremy Hunt but they will continue tour boat operations for now. Council appreciated the business update.

Committee reports: Public works reported the UV project is underway and they are preparing for flood potential. D Mason reported that DAWC had a successful Easter event and will host an event on April 29 that will include a music fundraiser, Bird Friendly City recognition, & Arbor Day event. Police had a request from Crossing Rivers that 2 OB doctors be issued keys for the evacuation route in case a train is blocking the tracks during McGregor Construction. Council had no objection. New Chamber Director, Mary Willie was in attendance to request use of the riverfront for Lazy River on June 24. Motion by Melder, second by Cornell to approve the use of the riverfront. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

There is no parking for the 85 North St property. A request was made to DOT for a curb cut to allow access to the east side of the building for which ownership has been claimed by the railroad. No council actions. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to approve Resolution 2023-05 to support the Community Catalyst Grant application for Driftless Station, LLC with a city match of \$10,000. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. City received one sealed bid from the annual financial review RFP. Motion by Hemmer, second by Schneider to approve Resolution 2023-06 to approve Kronlage & Olson to perform the annual exam for three years; 2023 for \$2610, 2024 for \$2660, and 2025 for \$2700. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melder, second by Cornell to hire Deidre Vick-Froelich as part time, seasonal position at the Depot for \$14/hr. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Brown Street repair project will exceed the state competitive bid threshold and requires engineering. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to hire Delta 3 Engineering to assist with the Brown Street project. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Mayor met with the Board of Supervisors to discuss B45 improvements. Council would like to discuss with the city attorney to see if the city is liable for part of repair costs. Motion by Hemmer, second by Cornell to set a public hearing for May 9th at 6PM for comments on the FY 22/23 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Mayor reported that the day use docks have been installed. City wide clean up is April 29th and certified nuisance letters will be sent out this week. Mayor thanked Council and Staff for taking care of things during his absence. Motion made by Hemmer, second by Cornell to adjourn at 6:47 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk