

City of Marquette Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, July 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, Gilman, Hemmer, Melver, Schneider. Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 06/13/23 minutes, bills & claims from 06/14/23-07/11/23 of \$139,163.73, June bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$734,962.17 in revenue, \$711,842.30 in expenses, and final UV project contract pay requests from Delta 3 for \$3544.00. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Public comment: Chawna Loper reported that gravel on Thornton Lane washes out around the culvert and gravel ends up in her yard. City will talk with public works. Jan S requested that the property owners be informed on any action regarding the alley adjacent to her property. Council had previously denied a neighboring property owners request to purchase the alley. Dennis Mason requested DOT signage be reviewed because there are a lot of "lost" cars entering the bench to find an alternate way to McGregor. The city will review signs.

Starkey's at 304 South St. would like to replace the retaining wall adjacent to the alley on the north side of their property. Council has no objections as long as the retaining wall is on their property and suggests that public works mark property pins. Council reviewed the July 1 celebration. The fireworks were well liked. The parade had good participation, but there was disappointment that the American Legion did not lead off. A popcorn vendor had set up and used marina electricity without marina approval. Food vendors did well, but the event could be expanded to include kid friendly entertainment and moved to the city park. Better communication between Legion, city, and businesses should be a goal to improve the event. Motion by Melver, second by Gilman to install sidewalks from 1st St to the shelter and from the bridge parking to the shelter for better handicap access. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

The city will contact the DNR to see if a water line and water fountain would be allowed at the south end of the riverfront. Council discussed parking at the day use dock area, specifically for overnight use. The DNR grant contract will be reviewed. The first reading of Ordinance 429 was passed in June, however, the DOT is not in favor of allowing any parking along the Hwy18 ramp making Ordinance 429 defeated. The revised Ordinance 430 is presented that establishes a section for municipal docks and a fine for overnight parking, with language about Hwy 18 parking removed. Motion by Schneider, second by Cornell to approve the first reading of Ordinance 430 to Amend provisions pertaining to parking. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Council would like to move forward on the housing project by the shop and request to review a draft request for qualifications for an engineering next month. Motion by Schneider, second by Cornell to approve the Three Rivers prepay propane contract for \$7575.50 at 1.39/gal for the 23/24 heating season. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor reported that Timber Ridge residents have requested concrete skirting around the pickleball court. It was stated that other city parks also need some upgrades. In the near future, garbage collection will become automated. Any trash that is not in the approved trash tote will no longer be collected. Residents will not be allowed to put out excess trash for collection. The city is still seeking resumes for General Manager. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to adjourn at 6:53PM. All ayes.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk