

City of Marquette Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00PM

Mayor Weipert welcomed new council member Loper and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Hemmer (via Zoom), Loper Melver, and Schneider. Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 12/12/23 minutes, bills & claims from 12/13/23- 01/09/24 of \$440,055.65, December reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with revenue of \$108,983.64, and expenses of \$107,345.61. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Council review preliminary infrastructure plans with Delta 3 Engineering for the senior housing project. Motion by Schneider, second by Cornel to approve the plans as submitted. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melver, second by Loper to begin the process to vacate necessary streets to install the new infrastructure. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. No public comment.

Council discussed current regulations to discharge a weapon in the city and the idea of a potential hunting ordinance. Research on special bow hunting and permitting, along with legal and insurance ramifications will be presented for discussion in February. Committee Reports: Chamber thanked the city for the used printer and provided upcoming events. Police reviewed the call report information and will present the annual report in February. DAWC reviewed the director's report and thanked EMS for the AED battery. Manager reported on recent meetings, new tax forms/laws, and grants.

Council considered a MOU with the Clean Energy District. No action taken. Motion by Melver, second by Loper to approve Resolution 2024-01 Opposing Alliant Energy Electric Rate Increase. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to approve Resolution 2024-02 for Committee Appointments. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Melver to approve Resolution 2024-03 supporting application of Community Catalyst grant for the Driftless Station project. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Council agreed to leave the community center rental rates unchanged. Motion by Melver, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2024-04 Certifying delinquent utilities to taxes. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

After discussion, motion by Loper, second by Cornell to approve the 24/25 Police Budget with credit of accumulated funds back to the city totaling \$44,250. Roll call vote: ayes: Loper, Cornell, Melver abstain: Schneider to review numbers, absent: Hemmer (zoom ended). Motion carried. Council will hold a special budget workshop meeting on Sat. Jan. 27th at 10AM. Mayor suggested a curling tournament on the ponds by the shop hosted by Chamber or DAWC. Motion by Cornell, second by Melver to adjourn at 6:50 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk