

**City of Marquette Council Meeting**  
**Marquette City Hall**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:00PM**

Cornell, Hemmer, Schneider, Gilman met at 5:30PM to plan for July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration. Mayor Weipert called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Hemmer, Gilman, Schneider. Absent: Melver. Mayor opened the public hearing for the FY 2023/2024 Maximum Property Tax Levy. No comments. Public hearing closed. Motion by Hemmer, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2023-02 to set 2023/2024 Maximum Property Tax Revenue at \$94,275. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 01/10/23 & 01/23/23 minutes, bills & claims from 01/11/23 – 02/14/23 of \$60,072.71, January bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$63,638.68 in revenue and \$119,275.80 in expenses, and Delta 3 contract payment of \$1000.00 for the UV project. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Sean Bateman, Casino Queen, presented concept drawings for a casino addition onto the west side of the existing building to create a land-based gaming structure. Council reviewed proposed changes to the Chamber contract and does not feel any changes need to be made at this time. Committee Reports: Clerk Basemann reported that the city has been made aware the city owns a section of B-45 near Timber Ridge Subdivision. The county would like to discuss financing for upcoming projects and future maintenance of the road. The County Engineer plans to attend the March council meeting. Police provided January call reports and stated that the county radio project is planned for 2024 completion date. DAWC reviewed written reports for December and January and stated the DAWC annual report is available upon request. Marquette has been awarded a Bird Friendly City status.

Motion by Gilman, second by Hemmer to table setting the FY 23/24 Budget hearing until March when new valuations have been updated per SF181. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Gilman, second by Schneider to approve the second reading of Ordinance 425, an Ordinance to modify the Code to be consistent with changes made by Iowa General Assembly. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Cornell for final reading and passage of Ordinance 425. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Council discussed annual dog licensing. Motion by Gilman, second by Cornell to approve the first reading of Ordinance 426 to update Chapter 57 Dog Registration and Vaccination for a one time dog registration. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Gilman, second by Hemmer to waive the second reading of Ordinance 426. Motion by Gilman, second by Schneider for final reading and passage of Ordinance 426 updating Chapter 57 for Registration and Vaccination. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Jason Doeseckle has received Wastewater Grade II certification. Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to approve Resolution 2023-03 to increase his wage from \$22/hr. to \$22.75/hr. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to solicit RFP's for the annual financial exam for three years. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Cornell to get bids for tree removal and lot preparation for 2.25 acres allocated for senior

housing. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Zoning plans to meet next week to review C-2 Zoning and solar panel use in residential areas.

Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to submit a STBG grant application for FY2027 funding to install a trail to DAWC. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Mayor reported that progress is continuing at the Schoolhouse renovations and that NORAG was unable to secure railcars from the railroad for use at the roundhouse spur. Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to enter into closed session at 6:56PM pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate. Regular meeting resumed at 7:07PM. No action taken from closed session. Motion made by Cornell, second by Hemmer to adjourn at 7:07PM. All ayes, motion carried.

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Steve Weipert, Mayor

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Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk