

**City of Marquette
Regular Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Mayor Weipert by called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. Brodie- Fitzgerald, Halvorson, Ries, Soulli and Young were present. City attorney presented IPIB PowerPoint presentation for training on Iowa Code Chapters 21 & 22 (Sunshine Law). **Motion** by Young, second by Halvorson to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 3/12/19 minutes, bills & claims in the amount of \$131,853.05 (after discussion on proper authorization for Progressive Structure purchase of \$8,434.56), March bank reconciliations, and March financial reports with revenue of \$92,998.37 and expenditures of \$56,760.14. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

City Council reviewed a proposal for new signs and frames for the Depot. After discussion, **Motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Halvorson to approve Oden Sign Service proposal of \$2,845.20 for two signs and Wolf Machine proposal of \$1,600 for 2 aluminum sign frames. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to approve **Resolution 19-06 Supporting Great Places Re-Designation** and approving Ports of Discovery name and Ports of Discovery Vision Plan for submission with Great Places re-designation application. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** by Young, second by Halvorson to post an ad for a Seasonal Water Wastewater Intern/Public Works employee. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to approve Great River Lawn Care 2019 proposal for fertilization and weed control for \$4,000.00. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The new public works employee has requested to use his personal cell phone rather than the phone on the city plan. The city currently reimburses the Mayor for his cell phone. The request is to reimburse public works for use of personal cell phone. Cost analysis will be done on current cell phone plans versus reimbursing employees to be presented to council for decision. City Hall has been receiving numerous complaints about nuisance abatement, junk vehicles, and unmaintained homes. Lengthy discussion took place on nuisance abatement procedures. Council agrees to put a general notice in the paper urging citizens to take action and notify them of Spring Clean Up date. After Spring Clean Up, official nuisance abatement procedures will take place. Council was not interested in a community garage sale. **Motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Halvorson that Saturday, May 4th, 2019 from 8AM – 11AM be the Spring Clean Up date. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** by Young, second by Halvorson to approve Closed Meeting Checklist. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on Advanced Laserfiche proposal for easier document storing and search. No action taken. Public comment: Robert Vavra with Maiden Voyage Tours presented a 3-5 year plan for proposed improvements to the marina. Craig Kaber expressed disappointment in the appearance of a few homes on North St. and encourages city council to take action. Committee Reports: Police presented monthly report for Marquette. There will be a Drug Take Back event on April 27th and the Police Commission is meeting tomorrow to consider hiring recommendations.

The Mayor read the Arbor Day Proclamation naming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day and thanked the tree committee for their work. The city has saved nearly \$200 with use of solar at well#4. Studies are being done for feasibility of the use of solar for other locations. A list has been prepared for Public Works to help track status and completion of ongoing projects. Motion to adjourn at 6:36PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Attest:

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk