

**City of Marquette
Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00PM**

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Halvorson, Ries, Schneider. Absent: Gilman, Young. Mayor Weipert opened the public hearing for the Zoning District Change. No comments received. Motion by Schneider, second by Halvorson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 423 An Ordinance changing zoning district classification from “C-1” highway commercial to “R-3” mixed residential for certain real estate in the City of Marquette. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Ries, second by Schneider to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 03/09/2021 minutes, bills & claims from 03/10/21-04/13/21 of \$128,829.21, March bank reconciliations, treasurer’s report, budget report with \$112,052.78 in revenue and \$55,329.70 in expenses, and liquor license renewal for Casino Queen and Eagles Landing Winery. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

No Public Comment. Kyle Pattison with Pattison Sand requests Council consider leasing the eastern portion of the roundhouse area for storage of railcars with maximum capacity of about 183 railcars. Council inquired about blockage of roads, impact to Wetland Centre, and hazardous materials. Motion by Schneider, second by Ries to form a committee of Young & Ries to continue discussion on the proposal. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Chamber submitted a written report. Police provided written reports and intends to hire a new officer at the May commission meeting. Public works reported a sewer main leak under the concrete parking area at the wetland centre. Actions have been taken to divert the leak into a nearby manhole. After discussion, motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve estimate of \$21,188 to Vorwald for emergency repairs to the sewer main. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Halvorson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 422 An Ordinance to raise base fee for water to \$4.00 effective 01-01-2022 and raise the base fee for sewer to \$10.00 effective 07/01/2021. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Council reviewed revenue projections and agreed to finish current approved projects before beginning any others. No action is needed at this time on the reduced price for Timber Ridge Lot 28. No action taken to solicit housing projects for the Thornton property.

Motion by Schneider, second by Halvorson to approve lawn/weed contract for \$4100 with Great River Lawn Care for 2021 season. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to hire Deidre Vick-Froelich at \$12/hour for part time seasonal position at Depot. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Mayor noted a great turn out at the wetland centre for the Easter Egg hunt, the new siding on the Lazy Gate building looks great, and city hall sent out a few nuisance letters encourage use of spring clean-up. Mayor Weipert read the Arbor Day Proclamation declaring Friday, April 30th as Arbor Day.

Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to adjourn at 7:04PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk