

City of Marquette Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00PM

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Loper, Melder, Hemmer, Schneider. The public hearing for the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment was opened. No comments. Public hearing closed. Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to approve Resolution 2024-10 to approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Marquette Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The public hearing for vacating streets and alleys in the Langlie subdivision was opened. No public comments. Public hearing closed. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to approve the first reading of Ordinance 430 vacating Langlie Ave, EW Alley, and portion of NW alley. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to waive the second reading and approve the final reading and passage of Ordinance 430 vacating Langlie Ave, EW Alley, and portion of NW alley. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 03/12/24 budget and regular meeting minutes, bills & claims from 03/13/24 -04/09/24 of \$108,098.33, March reconciliations, treasurer's report, budget report with revenue of \$104,015.67, and expenses of \$61,253.41, final pay application of \$2248.42 and change order #1 to Bacon Concrete for the fishing pier project and committee/departments reports from public works, Police, Chamber, DAWC, City Manager, Tree Committee, and Historical Society. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Bart Nies, Delta 3 Engineering presented 6 bids received for the Brown St & Thornton Lane projects. Motion by Helver, second by Loper to approve Resolution 2024-11 for award of contract to Bacon Concrete, LLC for \$330,382.50. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Representatives from the Iowa DNR made a presentation on the Forest Legacy Program for the evacuation route area. Council took no action. Motion by Schneider, second by Loper to approve Resolution 2024-12 authorizing internal advance for funding of the Urban Renewal Street projects of up to \$500,000 at 6.5% interest with 5 year payoff. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melder, second by Loper to approve Resolution 2024-13 authorizing internal advance for funding of the Urban Renewal Housing projects of up to \$1,700,000 at 6.5% interest with 10 year payoff. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Discussion was held on proposed hunting ordinance. A suggestion was made to limit hunting to Marquette residents. Motion by Loper, second by Schneider to approve the second reading of Ordinance 429 Hunting/Trapping. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to approve the final reading and passage of Ordinance 429 Hunting/Trapping. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Historical Society discussed use of city attorney for non-profit status but withdrew the request after some discussion. No action taken. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to hire Deidre Vick-Froehlich and Eleanor Soulli each at \$14.42/hr. for part time seasonal employment at Depot Museum. Roll call vote, ayes: Cornell, Hemmer, Loper, Melder, abstain: Schneider, motion carried. Council discussed hiring a financial advisor for assistance with SRF loan for the water reservoir replacement project for FY 24/25. Motion by Schneider, second by Melder to table the decision until April 23rd meeting to get additional information. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hemmer, second by Loper to set a public hearing for April 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM for the FY 24/25 Budget. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Mayor read the Arbor Day Proclamation for April 26, 2024 and

thanked the tree committee. Public comment made by Terre Able concerning safety issues on Thornton Lane as it relates to the use of mountain bikes.

Motion by Schneider, second by Cornell to enter into closed session at 7:15PM pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)h to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 7:27PM with roll call. In attendance: Cornell, Loper, Melder, Hemmer, Schneider. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to accept the agreement for Unauthorized Removal of City-Owned Trees with payment of \$3000 in 3 installments of \$1000. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to adjourn at 7:28PM. All ayes.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk