

**City of Marquette  
Regular Council Meeting  
Marquette City Hall  
Tuesday May 12, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of Marquette City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code permits an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is true during this crisis. The Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued 3/19/2020 by Governor Reynolds included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or limit the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. Therefore, only Mayor Weipert and Clerk Basemann were present at city hall at 102 North St. The agenda was posted more than 24 hours in advance and available via social media to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting.

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call. Gilman, Halvorson, Ries, Schneider, and Young present. Mayor Weipert opened the public hearing for the 2019/2020 Budget Amendment. No comments. Motion by Halvorson, second by Young to approve **Resolution 20-11 for 2019/2020 Budget Amendment**. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Mayor Weipert opened the public hearing for Ordinance 411 amending the Flood Plain Regulations. No comments. Motion by Gilman, second by Halvorson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 411 amending provisions pertaining Flood Plain Regulations. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Gilman to waive the second reading of Ordinance 411 amending provisions pertaining Flood Plain Regulations. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Young, second by Schneider to approve the **final reading and passage of Ordinance 411 Amending Provisions Pertaining Flood Plain Regulations**. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

**Motion** by Halvorson, second by Young to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 04/14/20 minutes, bills & claims of \$42,344.92 from 04/15/20 - 05/12/20, April bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, budget report with \$171,895.98 in revenue and \$132,182.70 in expenses and Cigarette Permit renewal for Casey's. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Chamber provided a written report. Lazy River Wine Festival is on schedule for June 27<sup>th</sup>. Police provided a written report. Mayor complimented Officer Cunningham for his receipt of a Life Saving Award.

Public Works. **Motion** by Ries, second by Halvorson to purchase a replacement pump for \$7756 from Iowa Pump Works for the sewer plant to be paid in July 2020, if possible. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. After discussion, **Motion** by Halvorson, second by Gilman to upgrade the sewer plant SCADA computer for \$24,477 with ½ paid in 2019/2020 and ½ paid in 2020/2021 budgets, if possible. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Council reviewed proposed projects and provided guidance to Public Works Director for obtaining estimates. Personnel Committee completed interviews for the part time parks position. **Motion** by Schneider, second by Gilman to offer the part time seasonal position to Gavin Meana at \$10/hour. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. **Motion** by Ries, second by Halvorson to move the Farmers Market to the park shelter in the city park. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Health insurance premium for 2020/2021 year reflects a decrease of 8%. Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve **Resolution 20-12 Approving Employment Health and Retirement Benefits effective July 1, 2020**. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. **Motion** by Schneider, second by Gilman to approve the updated Flood Plain Development Application. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. After discussion, the Depot Museum will not open in May with opening date to be considered at the June meeting. **Motion** by Halvorson, second by Ries to hold **Spring Clean Up on Saturday May 30 from 8AM-11AM**. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. After discussion, **motion** by Schneider, second by Halvorson to hold a Public Hearing on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at City Hall to consider the appeal of an Order and Notice of Vicious Animal. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Mayor reported that progress has been made on the Senior Housing Study and the committee will meet to review the draft report. DNR will be contacted on progress for moving the fishing pier. MSA report for Pleasant Ridge drainage is almost complete. Dogs need to be kept under control. At large animals are prohibited in Marquette to include Timber Ridge Subdivision. Notices will be posted to remind owners of Animal Control Ordinances. No public comment.

**Motion** was made by Gilman, second by Halvorson to adjourn at 7:22 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

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Steve Weipert, Mayor

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Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk