

**City of Marquette
Regular Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Weipert by called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. Brodie- Fitzgerald, Halvorson, Soulli and Young were present. Ries absent. **Motion** by Young, second by Soulli to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 4/09/19 minutes, 4/12/19 minutes, bills & claims in the amount of \$58,076.30, April bank reconciliations, and April financial reports with revenue of \$226,070.96 and expenditures of \$132,077.37. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Craig Kaber was in attendance to discuss nuisance properties. The Mayor assured Mr. Kaber that letters will be completed next week and action for compliance is being initiated. Insurance Agent Eric Willis presented health insurance renewal at -2.77% change for same the Wellmark plan. **Motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Halvorson to approve **Resolution 19-08 Employment Health and Retirement Benefits**. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Personnel Committee reported on applicants for Summer Water/Wastewater and Public works position. **Motion** made by Soulli, second by Brodie-Fitzgerald to offer the position to Applicant A at \$10/hr. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Capital Projects Committee presented suggestions for upcoming projects. After discussion, **motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to hire Delta 3 Engineering to design a campground to include water/sewer lines on city owned property near the Wetland Centre. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. City Council did not want to pursue an electric car charging station for the Edgar St. parking lot at this time but suggested the idea of solar lighting for the lot. Additional information for cost of paving will be presented at a later date. Chamber announced Ashley Kishman has been hired as the executive director for the Chamber of Commerce. Police provided a written report. Brodie-Fitzgerald reported that she plans to attend the next Police Commission meeting to discuss police arriving at an EMS call when not requested. It was reported that it is Standard Operating Procedure for police to respond to all Fire/EMS calls, but this should be confirmed with the Police Chief.

City Council discussed funding NE Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIRHTF) for 2019/2020. **Motion** by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Young to assign \$5,000 of LMI funds to NEIRHTF. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. There was discussion on cell phone reimbursement for the new full-time public works employee. **Motion** by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to pay \$20/month for cell phone reimbursement to the full time public works employee after his 90 day probation period and terminate the US Cellular contract for the city cell phone plan for that department. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** by Halvorson, second by Brodie-Fitzgerald to approve Fireworks Agreement with J&M Displays for \$9975.00 for July 6th fireworks show with August 31, 2019 as a suggested rain date. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Halvorson to hire Get Away City Band for July 6 Independence Day Celebration with Aug. 31 as a proposed rain date. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. **Motion** made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 407 An Ordinance readopting the existing City Code of the City of Marquette, Iowa, as the Code of Ordnances of the City of**

Marquette, Iowa. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to waive the second reading of **Ordinance 407 An Ordinance readopting the existing City Code of the City of Marquette, Iowa, as the Code of Ordnances of the City of Marquette, Iowa.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion made by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Soulli to approve the final reading of **Ordinance 407 An Ordinance readopting the existing City Code of the City of Marquette, Iowa, as the Code of Ordnances of the City of Marquette, Iowa.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The 18/19 Budget Amendment was reviewed and discussed. **Motion** by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Young to set May 28th at 6:00PM for a public hearing for comments to the 2018/2019 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor reported that the Public Works employees did a good job dealing with the high water this spring. Mayor gave special thanks to the Marquette Action Club for buying 6- 8' tables for the new Depot building and to the Depot Expansion Committee for their help with the project. **Motion** by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Halvorson at 6:44PM to enter Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss purchase or sale of particular real estate. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Closed session was held. **Motion** by Brodie-Fitzgerald, second by Halvorson to end closed session at 7:15 PM. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion carried. Public meeting opened at 7:15PM with roll call. Brodie- Fitzgerald, Halvorson, Soulli and Young were present. Ries absent. No action taken. Motion by Halvorson, second by Brodie-Fitzgerald to adjourn at 7:15PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Attest:

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk