

**City of Marquette Council Meeting**  
**Marquette City Hall**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00PM**

Mayor Weipert called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Gilman, Hemmer, Melver, Schneider. Motion by Melver, second by Gilman to remove cigarette permit renewals from the consent agenda and vote on them as separate agenda items. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to approve cigarette permit renewal for Caseys. Roll call vote; ayes: Melver, Gilman, Schneider; abstain: Hemmer, Cornell; motion carried. Motion by Gilman, second by Schneider to approve cigarette permit renewal for Casino Queen. Roll Call vote; ayes: Cornell, Gilman, Hemmer, Schneider; abstain: Melver; motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 05/09/23 & 05/25/23 minutes, bills & claims from 05/10/23- 06/13/23 of \$242,448.51, May bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$89,896.34 in revenue, \$211,521.81 in expenses, UV project contract pay requests from Delta 3 for \$2475 and MZ Construction for \$7760. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Public comment. Pat Young asked about status of erosion control measures in the alley next to his property and inquired about nuisance properties. Mayor stated that the flood delayed progress on erosion control and many of the nuisance properties have made progress towards compliance. Eric Willis, Assured Partners, reviewed the employee health insurance renewal that reflects an 18% increase and discussed alternate plans. After discussion, motion by Melver, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2023-10 for Employee Health and Benefits remaining on the current plan, but employee contributions increased. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

There was no representative from the American Legion in attendance to discuss the Independence Day Celebration. Committee reports: Public Works reported that clean up is completed from the flood, UV project is completed and waiting for DNR approval, the community room entrance and hotel needs some attention due to broken tiles and exterior damage. DAWC handed out and reviewed May report. Motion by Melver, second by Cornell to hire Amber Langhus for part time, on call position at the DAWC. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Council review Ordinance 429 to amend section 69.08 of the code to allow parking on the north side of Hwy 18 ramp to First St. The south side would remain a no parking zone and would add section 69.18 for municipal docks with no overnight parking or swimming and a fine of \$100. Motion by Schneider, second by Cornell to approve the first reading of Ordinance 429 with changes as noted. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. The ordinance will be considered again next month. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to approve Resolution 2023-11 to appoint Tracy Melver to the police commission for a term ending June 30, 2025. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to approve Resolution 2023-12 for transfer of funds from TIF to general and urban renewal funds, and from general fund to capital projects fund. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to approve Resolution 2023-13 to update the employee handbook by updating insurance eligibility per state regulations and adding direct deposit for paychecks. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Council reviewed a Wonders Why Way development package proposal from Studio K8Ki that would provide branding, web presence, marketing, and attraction breakdown for a Ports of Discovery project. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to approve \$5000 for project development pending approval by City of McGregor. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Mayor reported there has been no comment from the county regarding B45 maintenance and the day use docks are installed and ready for use. Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to enter closed session at 6:56PM pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 7:15PM with roll call. In attendance: Cornell, Gilman, Hemmer, Melver, Schneider. Motion by Melver, second by Schneider to advertise for the position of General Manager. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hemmer, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2023-14 setting employee wages for FY2023/24. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Cornell, second by Melver to adjourn at 7:18PM. All ayes.

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Stephen Weipert, Mayor

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Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk