

City of Marquette Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, August 8, 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, Melder, Schneider. Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 07/11/23 minutes, bills & claims from 07/12/23-08/08/23 of \$75,140.39, July bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$86,097.11 in revenue, \$116,731.88 in expenses. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Public comment: Dennis Mason encouraged Council to review and implement the forest management plan and them to consider allowing overnight parking at the transient dock for hotel customers. Pat Young inquired about what can be done about trains blocking the crossings for an excess of 1 hour, encouraged the Council to review and upgrade playground equipment, and asked for project update on the erosion control improvements in the alley next to his home.

Committee Reports: Chamber provided an update on Lazy River, plans for GRRRR, and area events. Public works will finish street painting and begin work on tree trimming, hydrant flushing, and staining. Police provided a written report and DAWC presented their July update. Motion by Melder, second by Cornell for a level II sponsorship of \$351 for GRRRR. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. The County is planning emergency radio tower upgrades and have identified a potential site in Marquette. Council is willing to discuss and will review the Bluffland Ordinance for the area. Motion by Melder, second by Schneider to approve Casey's liquor license renewal. Ayes: Gilman, Melder, Schneider; Abstain: Cornell, Hemmer, motion carried.

DAWC requests support to apply for 2023 UMGC grant requesting \$25,000 for phase III interpretive panel project, audio equipment, and picnic tables. Friends group will contribute the matching funds. Motion by Melder, second by Hemmer to support DAWC application for UMGC grant. Roll call vote; ayes: Cornell, Hemmer, Melder, Schnieder; abstain: Gilman; motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Melder for \$250 support to MFL MarMac Booster Club. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to send out requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the housing project near the shop due by 09/30/23. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried

No action was taken on the second reading of Ordinance 430 about parking regulations which would establish a penalty for overnight parking at the transient dock and suggested changes to the proposed Ordinance. Motion by Melder, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2023-15 to approve the FY22/23 Street Finance Report. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hemmer, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2023-16 to approve the FY22/23 Annual Financial Report. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to table consideration of Resolution 2023-17 wage resolution and requested city's current investment in training costs. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. No action on the Rural Innovation Grant since the proposed project did not qualify. Mayor requested the police department research the idea of cameras to record blocked train crossings and reported that a street light on the corner of 1st St and North St has been damaged several times in the last few years so finding an alternate location for the light has been suggested.

Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to go into closed session at 7:05PM pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 7:31PM with roll call. In attendance: Weipert, Cornell, Gilman, Hemmer, Melver, Schneider. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer that the personnel committee continue negotiations for the City Manager position. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Cornell, second by Melver to adjourn at 7:33PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk