

**City of Marquette Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:00PM**

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Gilman, Hemmer, Melver, Schneider. Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 7/12/2022 minutes, bills & claims from 07/13/22 – 08/09/22 of \$121,911.76, July bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$113,866.47 in revenue and \$68,648.87 in expenses, and liquor license renewal for Casey's. Roll call vote; ayes: Gilman, Melver, Schneider; abstain: Cornell, Hemmer; motion carried.

Public Comment: Pat Young was present to discuss erosion issues on the city alley next to his property at 805 2nd St. The City has denied 2 previous requests from Mr. Young to purchase the property, so it is the city's responsibility to maintain. Current trouble with groundhogs and heavy rains is causing increased erosion that is encroaching onto his property. After discussion, the city will have an engineer review the area for possible solutions.

Police reported an 18% increase in calls for service from last year, most of which are associated with mental illness. The Chief has certification in mental health crisis intervention training, and this fall the officers will attend the same training. Chief provided updates on a vicious dog incident and academy training for officers. Public works has been busy with debris clean up from heavy rains, are creating better access for clean up, and implementing an alternative approach to catch large debris, plus ongoing mowing and maintenance. The Chamber, Depot and DAWC provided written reports.

The DAWC withdrew their liquor license request. Motion by Melver, second by Gilman to approve Welch Excavation bid of \$2600 for Harvest Ct drainage. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance. Motion by Melver, second by Gilman to set a public hearing for September 13, 2022 at 6PM for public comments on the proposed ordinance. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Council discussed nuisance properties, junk/unlicensed vehicles, and dangerous buildings. City attorney reminded council to follow procedures outlined in the ordinances and enforce all in the same manner. It was stated that enforcement is essential to maintain property values in the city. Council suggested city hall, with help from law enforcement, begin enforcement and start with junk & unlicensed vehicle enforcements.

Council discussed an updated billing proposal from the city attorney. Motion by Melver, second by Cornell to approve billing at \$165/hr, no monthly fee, meeting attendance as needed, and mileage reimbursement at IRS rate beginning October 1, 2022. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to approve donation of \$250 to MFL Mar Mac Booster Club. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Nothing to report by the Mayor. Motion by Gilman, second by Schneider to go into closed session at 7:10PM pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate. Regular meeting resumed at 7:25PM with roll call. No action from closed session. Motion by Melver, second by Cornell to adjourn at 7:26PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

Steve Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk