

City of Marquette
Regular Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday November 10, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Due to last minute quarantine related to the COVID-19 virus, some participants chose to attend 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. Electronic meeting information was emailed, posted at city hall and on social media.

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance via Zoom Halvorson, Ries, Young; at City Hall Schneider. Gilman absent. **Motion** by Halvorson, second by Young to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 10/13/2020 minutes, bills & claims from 10/14/2020 – 11/10/2020 of \$216,301.12, October bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, budget report with \$249,529.54 in revenue and \$226,868.97 in expenses, and liquor license renewal for Marquette Café and Cobblestone Inn. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

No Public comment. Committee Reports: Chief Millin provided written call reports. UMGC funded a new AED for the police department. Traffic Enforcement program (sSTEP) will be during Thanksgiving. Depot provided written annual statistics. DAWC completed a nature nook (UMGC grant), installed a shed and provided visitor numbers.

Council reviewed recommendations from Tree Committee for Code updates. After discussion, motion by Schneider, second by Halvorson to approve first reading of Ordinance 420 to update Chapter 151 Trees. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Ries to waive additional readings and approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 420 to update Chapter 151 Trees. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Dan Davies would like to develop his property on Twin Bluffs. Street committee has met with Mr. Davies to review utility and driveway options. After discussion, motion by Young, second by Ries to approve Resolution 20-27 approving Division of Lot 12 of 1 in government lot 3 for utility easement. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Council discussed projected revenue shortfalls of \$100,000+ due to the pandemic, of which most are reduction in wager tax and hotel/motel tax. Council agreed to implement winter hours of 9AM-4PM for city hall, personnel committee report next month on options for the Wetland Center staff, and council will continue to monitor the budget. Council reviewed a request from Clayton County Conservation identifying the need for a dump station in the McGregor-Marquette area. After discussion, motion by Halvorson, second by Ries to move forward to pursue a dump station located near sewer plant. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve first reading of Ordinance 418 Amending Provisions for Parking Violations that will increase general parking violations to \$25 and implement a \$100 fine for parking on the dike. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to waive additional readings of Ordinance 418. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 418 Amending Provisions for Parking Violations. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Young to approve first reading of Ordinance 419 to Modify the Code to be Consistent with 2020 Changes made by Iowa General Assembly. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Young, second by Halvorson to waive additional readings and approve

final reading and passage of Ordinance 419 to Modify the Code to be Consistent with 2020 Changes made by Iowa General Assembly. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Per recommendation from Personnel Committee, motion by Ries, second by Young to approve Resolution 20-28 to Approve the City of Marquette Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Council plans to set a date for a Special Budget Workshop Meeting prior to the next council meeting. Mayor asks citizens to please wear masks and stay healthy. Motion by Halvorson, second by Young to adjourn at 7:01 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Attest:

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk