

**City of Marquette Council Meeting**  
**Marquette City Hall**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00PM**

Mayor Weipert called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. In attendance: Cornell, Melder, Schneider and Hemmer. Absent: Gilman. The public hearing for the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program was opened. Rachele Howe, with Upper Explorerland Regional Planning, reviewed:

- a) how the need for the proposed activities were identified: The need for the neighborhood revitalization planning grant comes from a variety of sources. Marquette has completed their comprehensive plan. Within the engagement of the comprehensive plan while reviewing data, and visiting with residents and stakeholders, a neighborhood revitalization program would certainly benefit the distressed areas of Marquette. Furthermore, Clayton County completed their Housing Assessment. Within the assessment, housing renovations, rental units and new homes are all listed as critical to Marquette's priorities.
- b) how the proposed activities will be funded and the sources of funds: The proposed activity will be funded with \$21,250.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Neighborhood Revitalization Planning grant program and \$3,750.00 of funds from the City of Marquette, IA. The total project will be approximately \$25,000.
- c) the date the CDBG applications will be submitted: The Neighborhood Revitalization Planning applications will be submitted on or before November 22, 2023 to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).
- d) requested amount of federal: The requested amount is \$21,250.00 for the Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Program.
- e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit of low and moderate income persons: The intent of the study is to target areas of distress. The federal funds will benefit those below HUD's 80% Low Income Limits for Marquette. It is expected that 100% of the federal funds will be used for low-to-moderate income households.
- f) where the proposed activities will be conducted: The projects will be conducted within the City Limits of Marquette in the downtown neighborhood including North Street, Edgar Street terminating at Water Street to the East.
- g) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities: No businesses or persons will be displaced during this process
- h) plans to assist persons actually displaced: There are no plans to displace any persons
- i) the nature of the proposed activities: The nature of the proposed activity is to complete a planning study analyzing targeted, distressed neighborhoods within Marquette. Then select a neighborhood with over three proposed components to the plan. It is Marquette's full intent to then apply for the Comprehensive Neighborhood Development activities the following year.

The Community Development and Needs Assessment was also reviewed and discussed. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Schneider, second by Hemmer to approve consent agenda to include: agenda, 10/10/23 and 11/06/23 minutes, bills & claims from 10/11/23-11/14/23 of \$108,932.71, October reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$249,054.57 in revenue, \$143,490.93 in expenses and liquor license renewal for Cobblestone Hotel. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Dennis Mason requested a representative from the city participate in the Depot Committee with a meeting date to be determined. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to approve the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hemmer, second by Cornell to approve Resolution 2023-27 to submit a CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant with local match of \$3750. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve RFP's for planning and administration of the CDBG grant if awarded. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. City Attorney provided a summary of the Urban Revitalization process. Motion by Melver, second by Cornell to appoint Hattie Frana as assistant attorney. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Robyn Denning presented the amended covenants for Timber Ridge Subdivision that would allow duplexes on additional lots and limit solar to roofs. The required signatures from Timber Ridge residents have been obtained. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to approve the Timber Ridge Covenants Amendment as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Committee Reports: City Manager provided a summary of recent meetings and is becoming familiar with city projects and operations. Public works has flushed hydrants, done street sweepings, winterize equipment, and set up plows for winter. Police reported he did not get the grant for city cameras, discussed speed sign locations, and provided written call reports. DAWC is done with fall field trips and after school programs, has open hours during the week, and has been working on grants. Chamber provided a written report. Motion by Melver, second by Hemmer to accept sealed bids for the sale of the 1998 International Dump Truck with minimum bid of \$7250. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The Mayor approved creating a sledding hill behind the ball diamond with recommendation from the Tree Board and Parks Committee. After discussion, motion by Hemmer, second by Schneider, to approve Kluesner Construction proposal of \$4027.00 for asphalt repair around a manhole and at Hwy18 and Mechanic Street. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Council decided not to change the handicap parking on the riverfront after review and discussion with Police Chief. Council agreed that a 28E with the County for Parking Ticket enforcement will not be pursued.

Mayor reported the railroad is improving the marina entrance, the sidewalk project for the fishing pier is underway, a Celebration of Life for Mary Jo Pirc will be in the community room on Sunday, Nov. 26 from 1-3PM, and Go Bulldogs as they head to state football competition. Motion by Cornell, second by Hemmer to adjourn at 6:41 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

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Stephen Weipert, Mayor

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Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk