

City of Marquette
Regular Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Due 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: Schneider, Young; at City Hall: Gilman, Halvorson. Ries absent. Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 11/10/2020 and 11/23/2020 minutes, bills & claims from 11/11/2020 – 12/08/2020 of \$63,744.69, November bank reconciliations, treasurer's report, and budget report with \$204,254.67 in revenue and \$39,701.05 in expenses. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Public comment: Several members of the community and surrounding area spoke in support of the Wetland Centre. Council was offered thanks for the past support and encouraged to continue future funding. Mayor thanked everyone for attending and sharing their passion for the Wetland Centre. Soo Green made a presentation on the progress for HVDC transmission line. The next step will be to work with local municipalities to finalize franchise agreements.

Motion by Schneider, second by Gilman to table Wetland Centre Employment for discussion at the next budget meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Committee Reports: Chamber hired new director, Jessica Goltz, who starts on 12/16/2020. Public Works reported that AWS has begun the sewer plant computer upgrade project. Chief Millin provided written call reports. Clayton County Energy District was awarded a UMGC grant to install 5 EV Car charging stations in Clayton County with one in Marquette. Installation of the electric will be Marquette's 25% match for the project. Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve Pat's Electric bid of \$4100 for installation of 200-amp service for one EV Car Charging Station. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Only one bid was received to repair the Depot. Motion by Halvorson, second by Gilman to table discussion until more bids are received. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Chamber President recommends that council not fund Clayton County Development Group (CCDG) annual membership of \$700.00. Chamber suggests that CCDG does not have cost-effective spending, disregard tourism meeting marketing recommendations, and ad materials contain errors. After discussion, motion by Gilman, second by Young to deny membership to CCDG. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried

Motion by Halvorson, second by Schneider to approve first reading of Ordinance 421 Amending Building Permit Fees beginning 01/01/2021. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by, Schneider, second by Halvorson to waive additional readings of Ordinance 421. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Halvorson, second by Gilman to approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 421 Amending Building Permit Fees. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Halvorson, second by Gilman to approve Resolution 20-29 that updates and reviews Red Flag Policy for identity theft projection. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Gilman, second by Halvorson for a Budget Workshop Meeting on December 29th at 5:00 PM. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Clayton County Food Shelf will be in Marquette 12/12/2020 from 4PM-6PM to collect food & monetary donations. Canadian Pacific will match funds as part of the Facebook Live Holiday Train event. Mayor asks citizens to please wear masks, wash your hands and adhere to social distance guidelines. Motion by Halvorson, second by Gilman to adjourn at 7:32 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Attest:

Stephen Weipert, Mayor

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk