

City of Marquette
Regular Council Meeting
Marquette City Hall
Tuesday August 13, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call and pledge of allegiance. Ries, Soulli, and Young present. Weipert absent. **Motion** by Soulli, second by Ries to approve the consent agenda to include: agenda, 7/11/2019 and 7/24/19 minutes, bills & claims from July 10, 2019 – August 13, 2019 for \$92,524.08, July bank reconciliation, treasurer's report, budget report with \$67,775.45 in revenue and \$128,043.04 for expenses, and liquor license renewal for Casey's General Store. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Public comment was made urging City Council to purchase the property recently listed for sale by the school.

Committee Reports: Assistant Attorney Stinn reported there are 3 pending criminal cases. Police provided July activity report, sTEP enforcement begins August 16 through Labor Day, 2 officers passed physical agility test and will be attending Police Academy starting in August. Chamber reported they are preparing for fall events including the Great River Road Race for which they will need volunteers. Wetland Centre reported visitors are up, summer day camps were a success and preparations are being made for fall after school programs. Public Works reported that the new mower works well, met with Central State Bank regarding paving a parking area. The area will need a larger stormwater intake for which the bank will cost share with the city. Estimates for the work will be presented. At the Wetland Centre, the swing bridge is installed and final steps are being completed for the artesian well water feature. 8 sealed bids were opened for the purchase of the 2010 John Deere mower. Motion by Ries, second by Young to sell the mower to the high bid of \$4656.00 to Carolyn Wood. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Additional Public Comment was made by Paul Colsch asking Council to consider a dog park in Marquette. Council will consider the idea during future capital project discussions. After discussion, **motion** made by Ries, second by Soulli to give \$500 to the McGregor Marquette Chamber to support the return of GRRRRR. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. **Motion** made by Young, second by Ries to donate \$200 to MFL Mar Mac Booster Club. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Council reviewed security camera bids for both the Depot Museum and City Hall. After discussion, **motion** made by Ries, second by Soulli to approve Alpine Communication estimate of \$1792.60 for security cameras at city hall and to table the decision for the Depot until the contractor can meet with the electrician to review the conduit & wiring plan. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Brodie-Fitzgerald submitted verbal resignation from Council on August 6. Mayor Pro Tem Halvorson extended thanks for her service to the community. **Motion** made by Soulli, second by Ries to post Notice of Intent to Fill Vacancy by Appointment. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Depot Museum needs additional help to fill the schedule. **Motion** by Soulli, second by Halvorson to hire Kristen Brooks and Nicholas Stavroplus as part time help at \$10/hour for the Depot Museum. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Soulli, second by Young to approve **Resolution 2019-14 Annual Street Finance Report**. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Young, second by Ries to approve

Resolution 2019-15 Authorizing and approving Title VI agreement and statement of assurances for 2019-2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Action Club (on behalf of Depot) and Wetland Centre have been pre-approved to submit grant applications from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation (UMGC). Approval from Council is required since both properties are owned by the City of Marquette. Motion by Halvorson, second by Ries to support efforts by Action Club and Wetland Centre to apply for UMGC grant funds. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Council reviewed estimates to solar power for city hall, wetland centre, shop, and sewer plant. After discussion, the projects were tabled while additional information is obtained.

Mar Mac School district has 4.9 acres of land for sale with Allen Realty for \$28,000. The realtor believes the property will sell for the listed price and indicated other parties have shown interest. Motion made by Ries, second by Young to offer \$28,000 for the 4.9 acres owned by MFL Mar Mac school district and approved \$500 payment for earnest money with the property being purchased as green space for the ballpark. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried
Motion was made by Young, second by Soulli to adjourn at 6:59PM. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Cindy Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk