



## City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

### Meeting Minutes City Commission

**Monday, January 27, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Commission Chambers**

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#### **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Present: Davis, Gottlieb, Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Schloegel

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

#### **Announcements**

Mayor Hanley had no announcements.

#### **Boards and Committees**

##### **1. Reappointment(s)**

Douglas Davis, Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term ending 02-01-2028

Marc Weinrick, Downtown Development Authority, for a term ending 01-01-2029

Brianna Hobbins, Public Art Commission, for a term ending 02-26-28

#### **Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.**

Matt Luttenberger shared his opinions related to the city's garbage collection contract, and asked questions about how the billing works. He said he doesn't create much trash.

#### **Presentation(s)**

##### **2. Upper Peninsula Children's Museum Guardian Recognition- Leiyona Ouimette and Vada Kockler**

Jim Edwards, on behalf of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, introduced Leiyona Ouimette and Vada Kockler, who volunteer at the museum. Mr. Edwards said the pair have been involved in the museum for some time, and both take their volunteer efforts at the museum very seriously.

##### **3. Sister City Visit to Kajaani, by Randy Jensen**

Randy Jensen presented about Marquette's Sister City, Kajaani, Finland, focusing on the recent Marquette delegation to the city. Following the presentation, the delegation presented a gift to the City of Marquette on behalf of Kajaani.

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

- 4.a.** Approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 regular Commission meeting
- 4.b.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$2,502,798.76
- 4.c.** 2024 Audit Engagement Letter and Preliminary Communications Letter
- 4.d.** Application for License to Use City Property at 125 W. Spring Street
- 4.e.** Community Services Fee Schedule Change
- 4.f.** Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Office and Storage Lease Agreement
- 4.g.** NTN - Heartwood Trail Management Agreement Amendment
- 4.h.** NTN - Office and Storage Lease Agreement

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Matt Luttenberger spoke again about garbage collection, asking about the details of the contract, including billing. He also asked the City to consider adding a new speed limit sign on Lincoln Avenue, near Washington Street.

#### **Comments from the Commission**

**Commissioners Mayer, Gottlieb and Larson** had no comments.

**Commissioner Ottaway** asked City Manager Kovacs to address some of Matt Luttenberger's questions.

**Commissioner Davis** said she would like clarification on portions of the new trash collection system, specifically about the timeline for transition to a carted system.

**Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel** said the UP 200 is coming soon. He thanked the volunteers and urged people to attend.

**Mayor Hanley** also noted the upcoming UP 200 and said that she knows the City got the best agreement possible in the trash collection agreement.

#### **Comments from the City Manager**

**City Manager Karen Kovacs** spoke about the challenges with the trash collection agreement. She said there will be a transition period, where residents can still use the bag tags from the current system, and she said the plan is to clearly communicate the details of this transition window.

She also spoke about what goes into the monthly cost to residents, which includes the curbside hauler fee, the landfill tipping fee and miscellaneous administrative costs, in

addition to providing access to curbside leaf and brush collection and the drop-off sites for holiday trees, compost and household rubbish.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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**Jessica Hanley, Mayor**

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**Kyle Whitney, City Clerk**

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