



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, January 31, 2022
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Hill, Mayer, Smith, Stonehouse

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the agenda with two amendments, moving Item 5i to New Business and adding an additional new business item to consider an EDA grant application,, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointments

Lauren Rowland, Downtown Development Authority, for a term ending 01-01-26
Adeline Beauchaine, Board of Review, for a term ending 02-01-25

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the appointment of Lauren Rowland to the DDA for a term ending Jan. 1, 2026 and the appointment of Adeline Beauchaine to the Board of Review for a term ending Feb. 1, 2025, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

2. Reappointments

Nichole Durley, Downtown Development Authority, for a term expiring 01-01-26
David Allen, Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term expiring 02-15-25

Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to Approve the reappointment of Nichole Durley to the DDA for a term ending Jan. 1, 2026 and David Allen to the MBRA for a term ending Feb. 15, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please

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Margaret Brumm said representatives from Waste Management provided very good, personalized, service while the driveway at her home was being replaced.

Presentation(s)

3. Waste Management Update, by Mark Harrick and Tom Cassio

Waste Management Regional Manager Tom Cascio gave an overview of the local WM system, explained some best practices for residents to follow. Discussion revolved around WM service, including staffing and equipment.

4. Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee, by Chair Tara Gluski

Tara Gluski, chair of the Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee, shared an update on the board's recent activities. She also presented a series of proposed ordinances that PIPAC would like to see the City Commission implement - these included ordinances to limit congestion, to designate bike paths, to prohibit the feeding of animals and to prevent damage to and removal of soils. The discussion that followed focused on strategic planning and on the recent action to prevent food trucks from operating on the island.

5. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

5.a. Approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular Commission meeting

5.b. Approve the minutes of the January 17, 2022 Commission work session

5.c. Approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Commission work session

5.d. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,521,170.63

5.e. Marquette Area Public Schools - Ice Contract

5.f. Marquette Area Public Schools - Locker Room Lease

5.g. Monroe Wing Plow Purchase

5.h. Moosewood Nature Center - Lease Agreement

5.i. Replacement Thickener Transfer Pump Purchase

5.j. Resolutions for the Dedication of McClellan Avenue and Center Street Right of Way - Roll Call Vote

New Business

6. Schedule Public Hearing: Ore Dock Brewing Company Brownfield Plan - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the attached resolution to schedule a public hearing for the Ore Dock Beer Garden Brownfield Plan for the February 14, 2022 City Commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

7. Fire Truck Maintenance Agreement

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the agreement for Fire Truck Repair Services between the City and Powell Township, and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

8. Municipal Tractor Purchase

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve suspending the rules for discussion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously. Commissioner Hanley said that this item had stood out to her due to the amount of money required for this purchase, and she simply wanted to have a discussion about the process to ensure the City was using its limited resources as responsibly as possible. discussion ensued about the need for this purchase, the process for large purchases and about previous tractor purchases.

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Authorize City staff to utilize the Sourcewell Purchasing Program to purchase one Maclean MV5 tractor with attachments from Miller-Bradford & Risberg of Negaunee, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$170,000, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

9. EDA Grant Application

City Manager Karen Kovacs offered brief background on this EDA Tourism Grant opportunity, which - if granted - would fund a nearly \$1.2 million project, creating the Lake Superior Cultural Arts Trail, and would include a total City match of around \$235,000.

Commissioners discussed the timeline for the project, the history of the plans for this Arts Trail and the impact of the prospective City match.

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Authorize the submission of the grant application and direct the execution of the letter of support, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm said it was important to protect Presque Isle Park. Matthew Luttenberger said he had come across some debris in the sand near the Lakeshore Boulevard project and he hoped it could be cleaned up.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley thanked people for reaching out in regards to City issues, and said she has heard from several residents with questions about possible property tax changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer said he received a lot of positive feedback on a recent social media post about the City budget and he said it was great to see the community engaging, both online and in-person, and attempting to offer ideas and solutions.

Commissioner Hill talked about how budget issues will always end up in the laps of local municipalities, as federal and state decisions impact local governments.

Mayor Smith said she recently met with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, who said the trend of Covid cases is on a downward trend and that mental health services will be a focus of her office in the coming year. She said this had been a good meeting and thanked staff.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said staff will look into the issues mentioned by Matthew Luttenberger once spring arrives. She also noted that her community office hours will be held on Feb. 9 in the Peter White Public Library.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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