



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, February 12, 2024
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Davis had no announcements.

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

Andy Smith, representing Smith Construction, said he was available to answer Commissioner questions, if needed, on Item 3.

Mike Smith had questions about the bidding process related to Item 3 and asked why the project wasn't put back out for a bid.

Margaret Brumm thanked the Marquette City Police Department and discussed a recent session of the NMU course she is teaching.

Presentation(s)

1. Peter White Public Library Board, by Library Director Andrea Ingmire

Peter White Public Library Director Andrea Ingmire provided an update on the library's activities from the previous year, as well as plans for the future. She touched on programming and circulation numbers, which have both rebounded to pre-pandemic levels, and offered updates on some digitization projects. She updated the Commission on the status of the library's strategic plan, marketing and branding, and outreach.

2. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

- 2.a. Approve the minutes of the January 29, 2024 regular Commission meeting
- 2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$ 3,620,359.66
- 2.c. Environmental Review Certifying Officer- Roll Call Vote
- 2.d. KBIC Funding for The Marquette Maritime Museum Association, Inc.
- 2.e. Marquette Housing Commission Agreement
- 2.f. Moosewood Nature Center, Inc. - Lease Agreement Amendment
- 2.g. Sale of Surplus Equipment
- 2.h. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for The Marquette Maritime Museum Association, Inc.
- 2.i. The Marquette Maritime Museum Association, Inc. - Use Agreement

New Business

3. Lake Superior Shoreline Restoration Project - Contract Approval

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley moved to approve the contract with Smith Construction for the Lake Superior Shoreline Restoration Project at cost of \$5,817,941.26 based on quantities and unit prices in the proposal, allow the City Manager to use a 10 percent contingency for any unknown circumstances, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Discussion ensued, with Commissioners and staff discussing the specifics of the project, as well as the process for handling a project with a delayed start. After discussion about fiscal planning and the impacts of this specific project, Commissioners voted on the original motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Mayer voting against it.

4. PIDP - Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Improving Efficiency Dredging Project - Contract Approval

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve a contract with K&M Industrial, LLC of Gladstone, Michigan at a cost of \$980,496.43 based on the quantities and unit prices bid, and authorize the City Manager to use remaining grant funding allocated toward construction with a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,480,000 for any unknown circumstances and additional dredging if permitted, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Contract, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

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Mike Smith again questioned the process and said he supported re-bidding the project

approved at tonight's meeting.

Margaret Brumm spoke about upcoming presentations that she will be hosting related to patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioners Larson, Mayer, Schloegel and Smith had no comments.

Commissioner Ottaway talked about the impacts of the unusual winter, during which a lack of snow has been detrimental to local business owners.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley said residents should attend this weekend's Festival of the Sled Dog, happening in lieu of the UP200, which has been cancelled.

Mayor Davis also talked about the upcoming Festival of the Sled Dog.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs reminded everyone that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, which is shifted significantly, due to the Presidential Primary Election and Presidents' Day. She also stated that she had office hours coming up at the Peter White Public Library and offered an update on the City's current fleet of firetrucks.

Adjournment

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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