



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2021
6:00 PM

Commission Chambers (Zoom Video Conferencing)

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Mayor Smith. Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Commissioners Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Mayer and Stonehouse.

All members attended via videoconferencing. Six were physically located in the City of Marquette, while Commissioner Mayer was exempted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act from disclosing his location.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

The Mayor provided a reminder about glass recycling, which is held during the first full week of each month. there should be no plastics, metal or paper put out during these weeks.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment

Marc Weinrick, Downtown Development Authority, unexpired term ending 1-1-25

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointment as listed, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

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

As the meetings are still being held without the public present, residents were given the opportunity to call in and speak or submit written public comments to be read during the meeting.

Margaret Brumm submitted a written comment, asking what rules or policies were in place regarding members of the public walking on the ice of Lake Superior.

Geraldine Nault called in to the meeting to express her opinion on the recent report of the Ad Hoc Housing

Committee. She said that it's important to realize that although housing in Marquette may be somewhat expensive, there are cheaper housing options in the area.

2. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

- 2.a. Approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular Commission meeting.**
- 2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$3,574,003.86**
- 2.c. Articulated Wheel Loader Purchase**
- 2.d. KBIC Funding for the YMCA**
- 2.e. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the YMCA**
- 2.f. Sale of Surplus Equipment**
- 2.g. UPSET Lease Agreement**

New Business

3. Water Use Ordinance Update

Mayor Pro-Tem Hill asked for an update from staff - specifically, she asked what City staff hoped to know coming out of this process.

Director of Municipal Utilities Mark O'Neill explained that this process has been in the planning stages for a year. After the sewer ordinance review last year, it became clear that this review should be done as well. He said he doesn't expect a full overhaul of the ordinance, as was done with the sewer ordinance, but he thinks there will be several minor tweaks that will make it easier for everyone involved moving forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill moved to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Davis & Davis Law Offices, PLC for a legal and technical review of the City of Marquette's current Water Use Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

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There were no members of the public to speak during this period.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Mayer had no comments.

Commissioner Stonehouse said it is good to see the Covid-19 numbers falling, even locally. We are winning the battle, he said, but must continue to be vigilant.

Commissioner Bonsall noted that the first meeting of the Protect Michigan Commission, a statewide advisory committee created by the governor to work to protect the health and safety of Michigan residents by educating communities about the effectiveness of an approved Covid-19 vaccine to eradicate the spread of the coronavirus. Commissioner Bonsall said the state is taking an equity-based approach to vaccine distribution, which he finds promising. He urged people to be safe, with regards to the ice on Lake Superior. He said that people going on the ice may be putting themselves at risk, as well as those that may have to undertake rescue efforts if something goes wrong. He also said that the Ad Hoc Housing Committee is on pace to approve it's final report by June 8.

Commissioner Davis had no comments.

Commissioner Hanley reiterated the glass recycling schedule: during the first full week of each month, residents should put out only glass items in their recycling and no other recycling materials. She asked people to make sure their friends and neighbors are aware of this schedule and said it is important to understand that we worked hard

to get glass recycling, and we need to follow this schedule if it's going to work.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill said Art on the Rocks has been scheduled for July and she is looking forward to it. She spoke on some of the recent energy issues in the country. She said that Michigan is in a much better space, from an energy standpoint and that Marquette has good people working for it at the Board of Light and Power.

Mayor Smith said that ice is never safe, but that it's even less safe now than it was during the cold stretch few weeks ago. She talked about changing ice conditions and cautioned people to stay on the shore. She said there was a work session last week regarding the Founders Landing pier project. She said the Commission is hoping to review a plan and get it moving this summer, and she told people to watch the work session online if they are interested. The Mayor also said the City Manager search is well under way, and the consultant is interviewing community stakeholders in order to craft a community profile.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Angeli had no comments.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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