



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, February 24, 2025
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Sally Davis 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. Appointment(s)

Lauren Luce, Iron Ore Heritage Trail Recreation Authority, for a term ending 4-30-28

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

2. Reappointment(s)

Addie Beauchaine, Board of Review for a term ending 2-1-28

Emily Tobin-LaVoy, Public Art Commission for a term ending 2-26-28

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

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

Jon Kangas, representing Marquette Township, said he is available to answer questions on behalf of Marquette Township if necessary.

3. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

- 3.a. Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular Commission meeting
- 3.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,042,031.66
- 3.c. AMI Temetra Software
- 3.d. Ordinance 25-01 - Rental Fire Safety Code Amendments - Roll Call Vote
- 3.e. Resolution Approving Poverty Exemption and Asset Test - Roll Call Vote
- 3.f. Resolution to Allow Property Owners to Protest to Board of Review in Writing - Roll Call Vote
- 3.g. Schedule Public Hearing - Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

New Business

4. Marquette Township Offer Letter – Water Filtration Plant

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to direct City staff to negotiate an agreement with Marquette Township for a partial acquisition of the City's infrastructure used to supply water to the Township, and outline responsibilities of each municipality following such sale, to be considered by the City Commission at a future date, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway.

Discussion ensued, with additional background information provided by City Manager Karen Kovacs and by Jon Kangas on behalf of the township.

Discussion focused on the history of the water system and on the origins of this particular concept, as well as on the impacts to residents of the two communities and on the cost-sharing mechanisms that may be employed if the system needs to be upgraded or expanded in the future.

Following discussion, the City Commission voted on the motion, which carried unanimously.

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There was no public comment.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Davis noted that a group of local Scouts was here tonight, as well as a few NMU students. She said they are always welcome to attend. She noted that the Commission tonight scheduled a future public hearing to consider the Parks and Rec Master Plan, which she encouraged residents to review. She said it is clear that City residents have a need and desire for a dog park and that she would like the City consider

creating one.

Commissioner Gottlieb talked about the details of the new AMI system that was approved in the Consent Agenda tonight, explaining the long-term cost savings related to the upgrade.

Commissioners Larson and Mayer had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel said it was a beautiful day and that he hopes winter and winter sports are not over. He cautioned people to be safe in rapidly changing weather conditions.

Commissioner Ottaway praised the staff that worked to so effectively set up this year's UP200.

Mayer Hanley spoke about the UP200, also praising the crews that helped with set-up and tear-down, and touching on the positive local impact of the event.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs talked about the changing weather and asked residents to be cautious, especially when it comes to accommodating the plows and salt/sand trucks.

Adjournment

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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