



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Monday, March 8, 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. Five were physically located in the City of Marquette, while Commissioner Hanley was joining the meeting from Ironwood in Gogebic County and Commissioner Mayer was exempted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act from disclosing his location.

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements tonight.

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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.

The only written comment came from Margaret Brumm, commenting on a recent news item about the City receiving \$28,000 from the state through the new tax and funding structure set up around adult-use marijuana businesses. She asked if the money had been received, if it had been budgeted for and what it would be used for.

1. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

- 1.a. Approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 regular Commission meeting.
- 1.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$630,590.71
- 1.c. Annual Maintenance Management Software Renewal Fee
- 1.d. Fire Station #2 Boiler Replacement
- 1.e. Grant of License Agreement for Room at the Inn Warming Center
- 1.f. KBIC Funding for the U.P. Children's Museum
- 1.g. NTN EGLE Permit Application

- 1.h. Proclamation - Spread Goodness Day
- 1.i. Sale of Surplus Equipment

New Business

2. New Liquor License Application - Roll Call Vote

Bill Nordeen, representing Towners Chocolate, called in to the meeting via Zoom and informed the Commission that he and the owner of the business were both available to answer any questions the Commission might have.

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the resolution recommending Michigan Liquor Control Commission approval of a new Tavern License for Towners Chocolate, LLC at 315 South Front Street, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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There was no one looking to offer public comments at this time.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Stonehouse said that the vaccination process is moving along, and commented on the difficulty in appropriately disposing of used masks.

Commissioner Bonsall said he is hopeful that we are starting to see the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

Commissioner Davis had no comments.

Commissioner Hanley praised the vaccination process, and said she is able to see some members of her family for the first time in over a year, thanks to the vaccine.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill noted that we are at the one-year anniversary of the first Covid-19 case in Michigan. She said that on the Governor is asking people to turn their outside lights on for March 10, in an attempt to honor those lost during the pandemic.

Commissioner Mayer offered an update on his own vaccination situation. He recently received the second dose, he said, and was a bit fatigued but experienced nothing bad. He urged everyone to get vaccinated.

Mayor Smith said, in response to Margaret Brumm's question, there have been several budget adjustments made recently, including tonight, for unanticipated expenses. She said the \$28,000 is going to cover some of those unexpected items. The Mayor also announced that Commission meetings will go back to in-person events on April 12, with members of the public still joining remotely.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Angeli offered a general update on local adult-use marijuana licenses and on state tax and funding plans for these shops. He also said the Lakeshore Boulevard project encountered some delays and permit issues and the work may not be completed this year. He also gave an update on the Founders Landing Piling project.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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