



## City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

### Meeting Minutes City Commission

**Monday, March 28, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Commission Chambers**

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#### Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

#### Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda with amendments (moving the item to appoint a Police Chief up on the agenda to immediately follow the presentations, and changing Item #10 to reference Contract Amendment #4), seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

#### Announcements

Mayor Smith announced that there will be Planning Commission Public Hearings on April 12 regarding a rezoning item, as well as amendments to the Land Development Code and the Community Master Plan. She also told residents that, due to supply chain issues with Waste Management, they should expect a move soon to using garbage stickers, rather than special bags.

#### Boards and Committees

##### 1. Appointments

Ross Johnson, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 06-01-23

Carolyn McDonald, Board of Review, for an unexpired term ending 02-01-24

Sue Menhennick, Election Board, for a term ending 04-11-26

James Koski, Harbor Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 06-01-24

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

##### 2. Reappointments

Barbara Wright, Board of Zoning Appeals, for a term ending 02-15-25

Nick Leach, Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, for a term ending 04-30-25

Amy Maus, Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee, for a term ending 04-01-25

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the reappointments as listed,

seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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

Matt Luttenberger discussed the ice season in Lakeview Arena, as well as future plans for the facility.

Mary Rule spoke on behalf of the Marquette Lions, voicing appreciation for the commission and city staff that have supported the grant application for the renovation of the Marquette Lions Lakeside Park.

**Presentation(s)**

3. Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation, by Neal Rossow, Director of Professional Development and Accreditation Program

Neal Rossow and Bob Stevenson, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, presented a certificate verifying the Marquette Police Department's re-accreditation through the group's Professional Development and Accreditation Program. They praised the Marquette police for being ahead of the curve on police reform issues and for maintaining a positive culture.

4. Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Plaque Presentation, by Chief Todd Woods, Mackinaw City Police Department and Police Chief Joel Jett, Alpena City Police Department

Mackinaw City Police Chief Todd Woods and Alpena City police Chief Joel Jett spoke and presented -- on behalf of the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police -- a plaque to retiring Marquette City Police Chief Blake Rieboldt.

5. Certificate of Appreciation – Chief of Police Blake Rieboldt

City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke a bit about Chief Rieboldt and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for the years he served in the City. Chief Rieboldt thanked everyone that he has worked with across his career and said it has been a true honor and a privilege to serve the community. He said he looks forward to seeing the next generation continue the legacy of the Marquette Police Department.

Bob Stevenson then stepped back up to the podium, speaking on behalf of the Michigan Association of the Chiefs of Police. He talked about Chief Rieboldt's involvement in the association and then presented him with a plaque honoring his service.

6. Chief of Police and Harbor Master Appointment

Following the vote, City Clerk Kyle Whitney administered the oath of office to Ryan Grim.

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Confirm the City Manager's appointment of Ryan Grim as Chief of Police and Harbor Master effect April 11, 2022,

seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

## **Public Hearing(s)**

### **7. Public Hearing to Adopt Fire and Life Safety Ordinances - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to adopt ordinances #703, #704 and #705, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill. Discussion ensued, with commissioners asking for examples of what the adoption of the NFPA 1 Fire Code would mean for the City. Some topics touched on included whether it was standard for municipalities to adopt this code and what alternatives may exist.

Commissioners ultimately indicated support for delaying a decision in order to determine whether the State has, in fact, adopted a modified version of the code and whether that would be a feasible option locally.

Commissioner Stonehouse rescinded his original motion to adopt the ordinances. Then Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to table the discussion and direct staff to return with a report detailing the impacts of adopting the NFPA 1 Fire Code in full, as opposed to adopting what the State of Michigan has adopted, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing.

Matt Treado from UPEA discussed previous local history with NFPA codes. He suggested the Commission adopt the NFPA 1 Fire code only to the extent that the State of Michigan has adopted it. Mr. Treado said the state's adoption excluded several areas of the code and indicated that this would be beneficial to local builders and developers.

Mark Curran said he supports the adoption of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, but that he sees issues with the possible adoption of NFPA 1 Fire Code. He said he supports Mr. Treado's suggestions about adopting the code in the same manner as the State of Michigan.

With no one remaining to speak, Mayor Smith closed the hearing.

### **8. Michigan Land and Water Conservation Grant Application - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the resolution authorizing a Michigan Land and Water Conservation grant application to install the Tourist Park day-use access road and associated parking, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

### **9. Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Application - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the resolution authorizing a Michigan Recreation Passport grant application to improve Lions Lakeside Park, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

## **10. 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.

**10.a.** Approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 regular Commission meeting

**10.b.** Approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 Commission work session

**10.c.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$461,588.99

**10.d.** MERS Service Credit Purchase - Roll Call Vote

**10.e.** Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) Paint Purchase

## **New Business**

### **11. Contract Amendment #4 for BP 17-11 Solid Waste Collection Services- Curbside Residential**

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the proposed amendment #4 to the City of Marquette Solid Waste Services contract for curbside collection service with Waste Management, Inc. of Marquette, Michigan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm said she thought it was sensible to delay a decision on the fire codes. She spoke about cigarette butt recycling, volunteering and garbage.

## **Comments from the Commission**

**Mayor Pro Tem Mayer** said he was proud and impressed by the police department, which is doing a phenomenal job. He said the City will miss Chief Rieboldt.

**Commissioner Hill** thanked the Chief. She talked about recent weather events and said she was looking forward to future City planning efforts.

**Commissioner Stonehouse** said this was a very special night, honoring the City's police department. He asked the City Manager to explain the resources the City invests in Lakeview Arena and the decision-making process around when to remove the ice.

**Commissioner Bonsall** said he would be interested in that information also, and he congratulated both outgoing Police Chief Blake Rieboldt and incoming Chief Ryan Grim.

**Commissioner Davis** spoke about indoor ice in Marquette County, the recent boat and recreation show, the League of Women Voters and cigarette butts.

**Commissioner Hanley** said she appreciated all the great discussion at tonight's meeting.

**Mayor Smith** said tonight was a good reflection of some of the great work being done at the City.

## **Comments from the City Manager**

City Manager Karen Kovacs said that the Johnson Controls project and the Hockeyville-

related projects have resulted in more than \$5 million in recent investments into Lakeview Arena. She said the City is always looking at ways to make things better for residents.

She reminded people that soon City residents will need to use Waste Management garbage tags, rather than dedicated green bags. She said the process will allow users to use the garbage bag of their choice, though filled bags must still be smaller than 35 gallons and weight less than 30 pounds.

City Manager Kovacs praised retiring Police Chief Blake Rieboldt and thanked him for his years spent in service to the residents of Marquette.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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**Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor**

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**Kyle Whitney, City Clerk**

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