



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2021
6:00 PM

Commission Chambers (Zoom Video Conferencing)

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

All members attended via videoconferencing and all were physically located in the City of Marquette.

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Smith, who is unable to attend tonight's meeting for personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill announced that Item 6 was being removed from tonight's agenda and would be brought to the City Commission at a future meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Hill shared a schedule for recycling and told residents to expect to receive a similar schedule soon in their water bills. She noted that the City needs to do a better job of sticking to the schedule for glass recycling, which is the first full week of each month.

She also noted that the April 12 City Commission meeting will be held with all commissioners attending in-person, though public participation will still be handled remotely. Members of the public wishing to participate in that meeting can do so by calling in or by submitting written comment.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment Dennis Honch, MCSWMA, for an unexpired term ending 7-1-23

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

2. Reappointments

Callie New, MBRA, for a term expiring 2-1-24
Rob Beranek, MBRA, for a term expiring 2-1-24
Margaret Brumm, MAWTAB, for a term expiring 12-31-23
Margaret Schwalm, Elections Board, for a term expiring 4-11-25

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the reappointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall 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.

The only written comment came from Margaret Brumm, who asked when the public bathrooms would be open in the City harbors. Additionally, she asked if there were plans to augment the bathrooms with portable facilities.

Presentation(s)

3. Redistricting Michigan, by MICRC General Counsel Julianne Pastula

Julianne Pastula, the General Counsel for the State's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, provided a brief presentation about the process and then opened a brief discussion with the City Commission.

She said that the full release of Census data is being delayed due largely to Covid and is now scheduled for the fall. The expectation, she said, is that Michigan will lose one or two Congressional seats.

The Commission then offered praise for the concept of the nonpartisan process to handle redistricting, and said it was vital to raise public awareness of the ICRC's upcoming meetings in Marquette, which are scheduled for this spring.

4. Harbor Advisory Committee, by Chair Kane Beauchamp

Harbor Advisory Committee Chair Kane Beauchamp offered a presentation as an overview of the board's activities during the previous year.

Commissioner Stonehouse praised the work of the HAC; he said he has been involved for a long time and that it is important that the City Commission fill the HAC vacancies soon.

Mr. Beauchamp, City Commissioners and Community Services Director Jon Swenson discussed the need to fill existing HAC vacancies. They also talked about improving communication between HAC and the City Commission, as well as the processes for handling commercial activities at the marina and upcoming opportunities.

5. Consent Agenda

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

- 5.a. Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular Commission meeting.**
- 5.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,215,978.93**

- 5.c. City of Marquette Bridge Inspection**
- 5.d. Coast Guard Building Boiler Replacement**
- 5.e. Construction Materials Testing Services Acceptance for 2021 Reconstruction Projects**
- 5.f. Lakeview Russell Dasher Board - Bid Award**
- 5.g. Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committee, Inc. Petunia Pandemonium Project**
- 5.h. Recreation Software Contract**
- 5.i. Tri-Party Letter and Security Agreement - Customs House, LLC and Consumers Credit Union**
- 5.j. Water Corrosion Control Operations Plan**

New Business

6. Kids Cove Inclusive Playground - Professional Services Contract Award

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Presque Isle Marina - MDNR Waterways Grant Application

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the submission of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Parks and Recreation Division Waterways Grant Program Application for Presque Isle Marina - Phase III, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer.

Discussion ensued, with Commissioners and Community Services Director Jon Swenson discussing project and marina details, including the number of slips, the project overview and timeline.

The Commission then voted on the motion, made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Mayer, and it was Carried Unanimously.

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None.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Mayer had no comments.

Commissioner Stonehouse said it's good to see Commissioner Mayer back in Marquette. He said the HAC does great work, but reiterated that it needs more members, and he said he agrees with previous comments that the HAC can't be focused solely on marinas. Commissioner Stonehouse also said he drove by the lake this afternoon and noticed that there was a seiche and that the water level was down 1 to 2 feet.

Commissioner Bonsall welcomed Commissioner Mayer back and thanked him for his National Guard service. He said he has been taking part in the Protect Michigan Committee (rural and youth committees), and said vaccination is going well statewide and the U.P. is doing very well, with the regional vaccination rate exceeding state averages in many demographics. He advised people to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Commissioner Davis said that the people who watch these meetings, either live or after the fact, are obviously the most interested and involved in the City, and she urged the viewers to volunteer and get involved. She also advised residents to review the proposals for the Queen City Courts murals and to give feedback.

Commissioner Hanley urged people to take part in the citywide Easter Egg hunt.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill again reminded residents that next week is glass recycling and urged everyone to get vaccinated.

Comments from the City Manager

Regarding the question about bathrooms, **City Manager Mike Angeli** said he wanted to point out that there are a handful of year-round bathrooms in the City, including at McCarty's Cove, Founders Landing and the Presque Isle Pavilion.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Jenn Hill, Mayor Pro Tem

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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