



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, September 12, 2022
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Peter Felsman, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 06-01-25

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the appointment 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.

Carol Manning spoke about plans for the City to construct a multi-use path on Wilson Street, between McClellan and the highway, stating that this would be a beneficial project.

Angela Rayhorn spoke about watching a film locally that focused on issues related to the extortion of children. She said she knew of kids locally that are attempting to honor a classmate that recently died in a related situation and said she thought the City Commission or school board could assist them.

LR Swadley spoke about the recent completion of the Harlow Farms Development and supported the concept of the multi-use path, mentioned by Carol Manning.

Margaret Brumm spoke about an art show that she recently organized, which focused on garbage around Marquette. She said the art is available if people want to use it for educational purposes.

2. 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.

2.a. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$ 2,916,887.47

2.b. Application for License to Use City Property Adjacent to 110 W. Hewitt Avenue

2.c. Historic United States Coast Guard Station Building Rehabilitation Resolution- Roll Call Vote

2.d. Schedule a Public Hearing- Rezoning Parcel of NMU Owned Property

2.e. Schedule a Public Hearing- FY 2023 Budget

2.f. Schedule a Public Hearing- Rezoning Request for 221 and 225 W. Park Street

New Business

3. MEDC Grant - Community Master Plan Update

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the acceptance of the grant and direct the City Manager to execute the contract, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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Angela Rayhorn said that recent experiences, including a very busy City Planning Commission meeting and a listening tour related to civic education, have led her to want to start a local civic engagement/government club in the schools.

Carol Manning spoke about why she believes a multi-use path on Wilson would be beneficial.

Margaret Brumm talked about the amount of time she spends picking up garbage, and talked about the frustrations related to garbage in specific locations in the area.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer had no comments.

Commissioner Hill spoke about utility rates, new recycling carts, banned books week and an upcoming local meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Commissioner Stonehouse congratulated the Harlow Farms developers on the completion of the long-term project and on the impact that it has made on that neighborhood.

Commissioner Bonsall talked about the importance of planning from the outset of a project for the integration of all types of pedestrian traffic. He also talked about the importance of civic engagement and education, advocated for a City youth advisory council, and highlighted the importance of the upcoming City Master Planning process.

Commissioner Davis also congratulated the Harlow Farms developers. She also praised the Planning Commission, as well as the City's planning staff, for highly publicized and detailed conversations that they have had recently.

Commissioner Hanley discussed the process for the rollout of the new recycling carts and said she liked the idea of a youth advisory council.

Mayor Smith said there are four finalists for the job of NMU President, and the candidates will be announced and interviewed in the near future. She cautioned people to be careful on the roads, especially now that school is back in session.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said that the previously discussed multi-use path has been included in the City's Capital Improvements Plan for a few years, and is evaluated annually, but that budget constraints have kept it from being completed thus far. She said the new recycling carts will be distributed throughout the week, and reminded residents that her community office hours will be held this Wednesday at the Peter White Public Library.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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