



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, October 30, 2023
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Davis, Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Smith, Stonehouse

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Mayer reminded residents that early voting will be available in the City of Marquette in advance of the upcoming November 7 election. Early voting will be available to registered voters in the City of Marquette, with the early voting site operating from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Thursday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 5.

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Gordon Erickson spoke on behalf of the City Band, sharing history of the group and thanking the City Commission. He spoke about the existing issues with the Presque Isle Band Shell.

Presentation(s)

1. Harbor Advisory Committee, by Todd Leigh

Todd Leigh presented on behalf of the Harbor Advisory Committee. He and the Commission spoke about kayak safety signs, green marinas and the impacts of being a port city.

2. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously.

2.a. Approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular Commission meeting

2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$3,962,857.53 which excludes

\$419.56 in City Commission travel reimbursement, this reimbursement will be New Business item #3.

- 2.c. Biogas Conditioning Skid Media and Testing
- 2.d. Building HVAC Services Contract
- 2.e. Cliffs-Dow Compliance Legal Counsel Annual Retention Agreement
- 2.f. Hockey Mutineers of Marquette - Ice Use Agreement
- 2.g. Hockey Mutineers of Marquette - Locker Room Lease Agreement
- 2.h. Sale of Surplus Equipment
- 2.i. Schedule Public Hearing- Rezoning of 905 N. Lakeshore Blvd.
- 2.j. Schedule Public Hearing- Rezoning of 1025 Osprey Court

New Business

3. Commissioner Larson Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the travel reimbursement for Commissioner Larson in the amount of \$419.56 for the Michigan Municipal League Convention, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway. The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Michael Larson abstaining.

4. Naming - Peg Hirvonen Bandshell

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the request from the Hirvonen Foundation to name the future bandshell at Presque Isle Park "The Peg Hirvonen Bandshell" and authorize the Mayor to sign the naming agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

5. Waterfront Safety Warning System

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve waiving the bid process and approve the purchase of four warning towers from SwimSmart Technology, LLC in the amount of \$95,240, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm shared feedback from a member of the Hirvonen family, who was pleased with the outcome of tonight's discussions.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley thanked Stonehouse for his time served on the City Commission.

Commissioner Larson thanked the City for making learning opportunities like the recent MML Convention available to officials. He said it was helpful to meet representatives from other communities around the state. He also thanked Stonehouse for his years of service on the Commission and said he is happy to have shared the stage with Stonehouse for even a short time.

Commissioner Ottaway talked about the impact that Commissioner Stonehouse has had on the City, and he thanked him.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis said the City is better for Fred Stonehouse's having sat on the Commission. She noted that Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day and thanked the two Commissioners who have served.

Commissioner Smith said she has served with Commissioner Stonehouse for many years. She said she hasn't always agreed with him, but has always appreciated his valuable input.

Commissioner Stonehouse said he has been very proud to have been a City Commissioner for 12 of the last 14 years. He said the current Commission is only as good as the Commissions that have come before, and he read a list of the names of commissioners and staff that have served with him during his tenures. He thanked everyone for their kind comments, as well as for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Mayer thanked Commissioner Stonehouse for his service on the City Commission, and praised him for sharing much of his hard-earned knowledge.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs updated residents on the leaf collection schedule.

Adjournment

Mayor Mayer adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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