



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, November 28, 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 Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the agenda with the addition of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence Proclamation as item 1.i. on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

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

Margaret Brumm acknowledged the community's enthusiasm of the City's newly opened piers and the wonderful addition it is to the city. She suggested the Commission name the piers. She stated the piers are a great way to make the lake more accessible.

1. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

1.a. Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular Commission meeting

1.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$ 4,660,684.67

1.c. Marquette Figure Skating Club - Ice Contract

1.d. Marquette Figure Skating Club - Storage Lease Agreement

1.e. Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Concession Lease Agreement

1.f. Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Ice Contract

1.g. Ore Dock Real Estate, LLC Development and Reimbursement Agreement

1.h. Police Security Cameras and Cloud Service

1.i. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence Proclamation

New Business

2. Used Fire Truck Purchase

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the purchase of used 2001 Pierce Enforcer from Action Truck and Equipment in Miami, Florida in the amount not-to-exceed \$48,000, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse.

City Manager Kovacs opened the discussion by giving additional information on the used truck stating staff would travel to Miami to inspect the truck and then make arrangements to bring the truck back to Marquette.

Both Commissioner Stonehouse and Hanley acknowledge their support of buying a used pumper truck to push out the timeline of needing a new truck.

Commissioner Bonsall requested that staff reiterate the price difference between a new and used truck and asked when the City will need to start planning for the replacement of the trucks.

City Manager Kovacs addressed Commissioner Bonsall's questions, stating, to purchase a new pumper truck it's estimated around \$800,000 and that price is expected to increase about 15% in the near future. She stated an aerial truck is nearly 1.5 million. When looking at the lead time in ordering these vehicles, it is about 24 months for a pumper and 36 months for an aerial truck.

She stated it is incredibly important to ensure we have these trucks in working order because we not only serve our taxpayers but our community as a whole.

There was a brief discussion on naming the truck based on past practice.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. DPW and Utilities Labor Union Wages

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the Department of Public Works and Utilities Employees' 2% wage increase effective November 28, 2022, with a one-time payment to each bargaining unit member of \$625, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

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There was no public wishing to speak.

Comments from the Commission

Commission Stonehouse recognized how special the new piers are to the community. He also acknowledged the Superior Watershed Partnership for receiving the Governor's

Service Award from the State for their service to the community, especially during COVID-19.

Commissioner Smith had no comment.

Commissioner Davis thanked city staff and all those in the bargaining unit for the work that went into negotiating the contract. She echoed Ms. Brumm's sentiment of how great the new piers are to our community, as each person will find something they enjoy. She reminded the community, funding for the pier project came from the Founders Landing brownfield as the public benefit and not from the City's budget. She congratulated the Superior Watershed Partnership. Lastly, she reminded everyone to shop locally during the holiday season to support our small businesses.

Commissioner Hanley used her time to read the Proclamation that was added to the agenda.

Commissioner Bonsall encouraged individuals to apply for the City Commission vacancy to serve on the Commission. He said there are over 30 vacancies for the City's volunteer boards and committees and encouraged community members to apply for those as well.

Mayor Mayer highlighted the Community Master Plan and reminded folks of the ways they can get involved and stay informed during the planning process.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Kovacs had no comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Rachel Quayle, Deputy City Clerk

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