



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, April 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Absent: Smith

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Mayer had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Richard Brebner-Derby, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 06-1-23 and a subsequent term ending 06-01-26

Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis moved to Approve the appointment as listed, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

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

Margaret Brumm spoke about a plan to provide underwater solar lights for the viewing platform in the lower harbor pier, and spoke about the difficulty in finding a copy of the book *Safe at Any Speed* for a class she is teaching at NMU.

Iris Katers spoke about her experience on the City's sesquicentennial committee in the late 1990s. She presented the Commission with a copy of the group's final report and suggested the Commission consider a way to honor the City's upcoming 175th anniversary.

Barb Owdziej spoke about snow removal challenges along Fair Avenue.

Emilie Rake said that she recently noticed that a bench near the Janzen House had been removed. She said the bench was often used by homeless individuals who would rest in the area. She asked the City to replace the bench, or to provide another area for those people to use.

2. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

- 2.a. Approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 regular Commission meeting
- 2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$502,731.64
- 2.c. Annual Wetland Mitigation Monitoring and Maintenance Services
- 2.d. Server Technology Replacement
- 2.e. Sidewalk Repair, Extension and Safety Improvements Project
- 2.f. Superior Hockey, LLC - Office and Storage Space Lease Agreement
- 2.g. Tourist Park Budget Adjustment

Unfinished Business

3. Ordinance 702 - Authorized Officials - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the adoption of Ordinance 702, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

New Business

4. Solids Handling Project Bid - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the bid from Miron Construction with the recommended alternatives in the amount of \$12,758,234, as well as the grant funding in the amount of \$5,857,500, authorize the remainder of the project funding through \$1,380,000 from the facilities reserve fund and a CWSRF loan, and authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jermeay Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm said the City Commission made the right decision by approving the plans for the solids handling project this evening and she talked about the vital importance of wastewater handling systems to the community.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley explained the recent relocation of the bench that was mentioned in public comment. She said she believed it was moved due to an impending construction project.

Commissioner Larson had no comments.

Commissioner Ottaway said the weather is beautiful, and reminded people that the Angry Bear festival is this weekend. He asked people to please heed the City signs that state dogs are not allowed in certain locations.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked those that spoke during public comment tonight.

Commissioner Stonehouse stated that a 25-year-old time capsule doesn't seem that old and wondered if it might be better to wait to open it for a few more years.

Mayor Mayer said that 25 years doesn't seem long, but indicated that a lot can change in 25 years. He thanked staff for the work on the solids handling project approved tonight.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said her office hours are set for April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Adjournment

Mayor Mayer adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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