



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, November 11, 2024
7:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

City Clerk Kyle Whitney administered the oath of office to Commissioners Cary Gottlieb and Jermey Ottaway, who were elected at the November 5, 2024 election.

The Clerk then oversaw the process by which the City Commission determined who to appoint as the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the coming year.

After one round of voting, Commissioner Sally Davis made a motion to appoint Jessica Hanley as Mayor for the coming year, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and carried unanimously.

Following another single round of voting, Commissioner Jermey Ottaway made a motion to appoint Paul Schloegel as Mayor Pro Tem for the coming year, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and carried unanimously.

The Clerk then administered the oaths of office to the incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, and Mayor Hanley ran the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jermey Ottaway and carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Hanley had no announcements this evening.

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

Jenna Smith congratulated the commissioners elected last week, and also congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. She thanked Sally Davis for serving as mayor during the previous year. She said that, as she steps away from the City Commission, she is looking forward to spending time as a private citizen, and said she will rest easy knowing that the City is in good hands.

1. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve Motion, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

1.a. Approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024 regular Commission meeting

1.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$915,299.91

1.c. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

1.d. Marquette County Police and Firefighters' Ball Non-Profit Status - Roll Call Vote

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There was no public comment at this point.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Larson congratulated the newly elected commissioners, as well as the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. He thanked Commissioner Davis for her service as Mayor in the previous year and said it is a nice reflection of the Commission's shared leadership.

Commissioner Mayer said he agreed, but had no additional comments.

Commissioner Ottaway thanked Commissioner Davis for serving as mayor. He said she gave him a new perspective on how organized someone should be to serve effectively as mayor. He thanked the City voters and said he was glad to see such high voter turnout. He said that, after serving in an appointed role, it feels different to sit at the dais as an elected official. He said he hopes to represent the residents of the city as best as possible.

Commissioner Davis thanked the staff of the City Clerk's office and all of the election workers for such a smooth election day in the City of Marquette. She highlighted the importance of Veterans' Day. Acknowledging the commissioners elected last week, she noted that the current commission now has members in six different decades of life. She thanked everyone for supporting her during her time as mayor, and said she is looking forward to the coming year.

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel congratulated the elected commissioners and said he appreciated Commissioner Davis' efforts of the last year, representing the community and the City Commission. He said everything with the recent election seemed to go incredibly smoothly, and he praised the work of the election workers and the staff of the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Gottlieb said he is surprised, awed and humbled by his election. He said he will do his best to serve well, and noted that he is aware he is filling the seat of outgoing Commissioner Jenna Smith, and he hopes he can do it justice.

Mayor Hanley thanked staff for the work that went into this year's election. She said she was happy to see several people in line registering to vote on Election Day, and said everything operated smoothly. Thanked staff for running such a well-oiled machine. She thanked the City Commission for their support in electing her Mayor. She said she is looking forward to the coming year and achieving together, as a Commission. Mayor Hanley said she is grateful to Commissioner Davis, who taught her a lot during the past year about how to stay organized and lead effectively.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said her public office hours are scheduled for Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Peter White Public Library.

Adjournment

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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