

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 02, 2021

Mayor Steve Genisot **called to order**, the regular monthly meeting of the City of Marinette Common Council at 06:00 PM in the City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1905 Hall Avenue, Marinette.

Upon a **call of the roll** it was determined a quorum of Common Council members were present and the following attendance was recorded:

Members Present: 1st Ward – Alderperson Ken Keller; 2nd Ward – Alderperson Jeffrey Skorik; 3rd Ward – Alderperson Doug Oitzinger (via go to meeting); 4th Ward – Alderperson Dave Anderson (via go to meeting); 5th Ward – Alderperson Wally Hitt; 6th Ward Alderperson - Debbie Klegin; 7th Ward – Alderperson Rick Polzin; 8th Ward – Alderperson Wm. Jason Flatt (via go to meeting) and Citywide At-Large Seat – Alderperson Dorothy Kowalski.

Absent: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jacob Randall, 1162 ½ Parnell St was present to ask the Common Council to re-consider the denial of his Operator License. He provided a statement from his employer and his probation officer all stating Jacob is an excellent worker and doing well. Wendell Meyers, 706 Main St has concerns about Ordinance #2459 that will be voted on tonight in regards to Election signs, he feels the ordinance is in violation of his rights and was wondering if others received notice to remove their signs also.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Alderpersons Polzin moved/Hitt seconded and all concurred, to **approve as presented**, the regular Common Council meeting minutes from January 5th, 2021.

REPORTS OF CITIZEN BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

No action was taken on the various Citizen Board, Department and Commission reports as presented by Mayor Genisot.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Alderpersons Anderson moved/Oitzinger seconded and all concurred, to **accept**, the following standing committee meeting minutes (**Finance & Insurance Committee minutes- January 19, & Special January 5, 2021, Personnel & License Committee minutes- January 19th, 2021 Civic Affairs Cemetery, Traffic & Lights minutes- January 18th, 2021, Board of Public Works Committee minutes - Special January 5, 2021, Parks & Recreation Committee minutes- January 25, 2021, Public Safety/ Code Enforcement minutes- January 18, 2021, Plan Commission minutes – January 6 & Special January 27, 2021.**

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Genisot proceeded with the 2021 State of the City Address. Mayor Genisot stated as we begin 2021, he wanted to thank the citizens of the City of Marinette for giving him the honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor. "As I am nearing the end of my second three-year term, I look forward to serving you for a third time to finish many exciting economic projects the City is working on. Although 2020 was a challenging year with COVID-19, the City stayed operational and worked hard to provide service to meet the needs of our residents. I am proud of our dedicated employees, and appreciate the support of our elected Common Council, as well as the many appointed officials on our numerous standing and advisory committees and commissions." Mayor Genisot shared the visit of Vice President Pence's that was followed up with a visit from President Donald J. Trump. The President and Vice President came to Fincantieri Marinette Marine (FMM), formally awarding a \$5 billion contract for the building of frigates for the US Navy. An additional \$29 million in Harbor Assistance grant was awarded through the City of Marinette to help FMM fulfill this Naval contract supporting expansion. Many expansions that include Marinette County which invested a \$3 million for improvements among other area businesses that include Hurckman Mechanical, Pioneer Plastics, Marinette Machine, The Cottages Phase II, Applejack's Restaurant & Pub/Edgewater Sports Bar, Erik's Auto Body, Jimmy Johns, Waterworks Carwash, Achieve Nutrition and Domino's. Pine Tree Mall has also seen new businesses in 2020 and more to open in 2021. Mayor Genisot shared additional projects that include housing for work to single- family dwellings. The City of Marinette was recently awarded grants in the amount of \$961,977 for Community Development Block Grant, \$75,000 for a CDBG planning grant and \$45,000 for WI Coast Management grant for Comprehensive Plan update. Mayor Genisot stated in January of 2020 he was appointed to a three-year term to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board of Directors, and is proud to represent the northeastern part of Wisconsin and Marinette. He also stated the Community REC Center has shown growth and has prospered in 2020 while adhering to Governor Evers COVID-19 Executive Orders. Safely staying open has given the community a closer connection to normalcy, and ensuring a safe and healthy facility for employees and residents. Through strict health and cleaning protocols, the REC has had successful events including hockey tournaments, basketball, volleyball, tennis, sports classes, day camps, vendor shows and elections. The Mayor concluded to say the City maintained a balanced budget for 2021 and maintains a high credit rating of A1 from Moody's due to strong financial management. All departments provided Finance with their COVID-19 expenses for the State of Wisconsin's CARES Act. This act allowed COVID attributed expenses to be reimbursed and we received over \$200,000 from the State. Through attention to detail, the City finished the 2020 year with a positive balance sheet. The Mayor stated he is excited with all the progress in the City of Marinette, and the city has accomplished a great deal in the last year alone. "We are optimistic and constantly looking for ways to improve, working hard for the community we live in. I am proud to serve as your Mayor and the great community we are all part of. Let's keep Marinette moving forward!"

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Genisot asked City Clerk to provide any information regarding the upcoming Election on February 16th, 2021. The clerk provided absentee voting dates and information on how to get an absentee ballot mailed or vote in the Clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENTS PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARINETTE AND AURORA MEDICAL CENTER BAY AREA, INC.

City Attorney Gagan stated the city is waiting for a firmer update from Aurora Medical Center, Bay Area Inc. to show any active negotiations regarding development agreements and is expecting those in a few weeks from the hospital attorney. No further action was taken on this agenda item.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES: Alderpersons Polzin moved/Hitt seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to grant advance authorization to the City Treasurer/Finance Director to pay February 2021 expenditures contingent upon Finance and Insurance Committee approval.

JANUARY 2021 BUDGET REPORTS

Aldersperson Skorik moved/ Anderson seconded and all concurred to approve the January 2021 budget reports.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PURCHASE COLOR COPIER FOR CLERKS OFFICE USING TRADE IN OF CURRENT COPIER.

Alderspersons Kowalski moved/Polzin seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the purchase of a color copier for Clerks office using trade in of current copier.

PERSONNEL AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SECONDHAND JEWELRY DEALER LICENSE FOR MIDWEST GOLD BUYERS FOR 2021.

Aldersperson Kowalski moved/ Polzin seconded and all concurred to approve the Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License for Midwest Gold Buyers for 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TEMPORARY CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MARINETTE MENOMINEE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FOR OUTDOOR SHOW EVENT BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18 - 21, 2021 AT 2501 PIERCE AVE.

Aldersperson Kowalski moved/ Anderson seconded and all concurred (1- nay Oitzinger) to approve the Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Marinette Menominee Youth Hockey Association for Outdoor Show being held on February 18 – 21, 2021 at 2501 Pierce Ave.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING Ten (10) NEW OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

Pursuant to Marinette Municipal Code § 9.0220, Personnel and License Committee Policy No. PLC - 1.0010 and Wis. Stat. § 125.17, Alderspersons Polzin moved/Hitt seconded and all concurred (2-nays Skorik and Flatt) to grant operator licenses to the following Ten (10) new applicants: Melissa J. Barnes, Nickolas J. Bergeon, Dawn M. Braley, Tiffany P. Harder, Shayna R. Hohl, Gage N. Kotwica, Carlee S. Mays, Margaret L. Micheals, Jacob Randall & Michelle M. Steffen. Each aforementioned operator license applicant, recommended to have licenses granted for the current licensing period expiring 6/30/2022, shall be contingent upon each applicant providing documentation to City Clerk's Office, prior to expiration date of their 60-day provisional operator license, confirming completion of a State of Wis. approved Responsible Beverage Server class.

CIVIC AFFAIRS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

CIVIC AFFAIRS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS & CEMETERY HAD NO COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DID NOT HAVE A COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMPLETION OF CITY PARK RUSTIC CAMPSITES.

Aldersperson Hitt moved/ Klegin seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the amount of \$7,000 for the completion of the 8-Rustic Tent Sites at City Park to include fire pits, picnic tables and cleaning out all brush. The funds would come out of the Community Development fund.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FROM RETTLER CORPORATION FOR A FORMAL PLAN FOR HIGLEY FIELD.

Aldersperson Polzin moved/ Kowalski seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to

approve the Professional Design Services agreement from Rettler Corporation in the amount of \$4,800 for a formal Plan for Higley Field.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY CODE ENFORCEMENT HAD NO COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR JANUARY.

PLAN COMMISSION
PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES #'s 2459, 2460 & 2461.

MARINETTE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CONSIDERATION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE INTEREST ONLY PAYMENTS FOR TWO BDLP LOANS THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2021.

Aldersperson Kowalski moved/ Hitt seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve continued interest only payments for two BDLP Loans through June 30th, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021- RESOLUTION APPROVING SATURDAY MAY 8TH 2021 AS INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY.

Alderspersons Keller moved/Oitzinger seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve Resolution No. 01-2021- Approving Saturday May 8th, 2021 as International Migratory Bird Day.

ORDINANCE NO. 2459- AMENDING MMC 13.3527 PERTAINING TO ELECTION SIGNS.

Attorney Gagan stated the City used WI State statue 12.04 as a guide and tried to tailor ordinance to comply with State Statue 12.04. Aldersperson Oitzinger stated it seems the current ordinance was not followed at the last Election and is concerned this will happen again going forward. Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Hitt seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 1 nay (Polzin) to approve City of Marinette Ordinance No. 2459 Amending MMC 13.3527 pertaining to Election Signs.

ORDINANCE NO. 2460- AMENDING MMC 13.2804 PERTAINING TO CONDITIONAL USES IN A I-1 INSTITUTIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT.

Pam Lazinski, Administrator for Marinette County Group Home Association was present to answer any questions the Common Council may have. She stated the proposed facility would be a Licensed Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) and would be able to provide a structured and supervised environment for 34 residents for approximately 6-9 months. There is a huge need for these services in the Marinette area. Alderspersons Polzin moved/Keller seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed contingent upon the language of Residential Recovery licensed as a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) be defined in the ordinance. by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve City of Marinette Ordinance No. 2460 Amending MMC 13.2804 pertaining to Conditional Uses in a I-1 Institutional and Public Service District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2461- AMENDING MMC 13.2308 PERTAINING TO CONDITIONAL USES IN A B-4 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Polzin seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nay to approve City of Marinette Ordinance No. 2461 Amending MMC 13.2804 pertaining to Conditional Uses in a B-4 Highway Business District

ADJOURNMENT: Alderspersons Anderson moved/Hitt seconded and all concurred to adjourn at 07:32 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

The next regular Common Council meeting is scheduled for <u>Tuesday March 2nd, 2021</u> at 06:00 PM in the Common Council Chambers at Marinette City Hall, Marinette, WI.
