

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Mayor Steve Genisot **called to order**, the regular monthly meeting of the City of Marinette Common Council at 05:00 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; 4th Ward – Alderperson Mike Wolfe; 5th Ward – Alderperson Liz Mikutowski; 6th Ward – Alderperson Debra Klegin; 7th Ward – Alderperson Rick Polzin; 8th Ward – Alderperson Tom Karban and Citywide At-Large Seat – Alderperson Dorothy Kowalski.

Absent: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Alderpersons Polzin moved/Wolfe seconded and all concurred, (Alderperson Oitzinger abstained from 1/14/26 meeting minutes) to **approve as presented**, the regular Common Council meeting minutes from January 6th and Special January 14th, 2026.

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 Skorik moved/Kowalski seconded and **all concurred**, to **approve, as presented**, the following standing committee meeting minutes: (Finance & Insurance Committee minutes January 20th, 2026 Personnel & License Committee minutes-January 20th, 2026, Civic Affairs Cemetery Traffic & Lights Committee minutes- January 19th2026, Board of Public Works Committee minutes- January 20th 2026, Parks & Recreation Committee minutes- January 19th, 2026, Public Safety Code Enforcement Committee minutes- January 19th, 2026)

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Genisot presented his 2026 State of the City stating it has been an honor to be Mayor in 2026 and while reflecting on 2025 Marinette continues to grow and strengthen daily, with many exciting new economic development projects for 2026. Genisot continued stating Marinette continues to see momentum through new businesses and key improvement projects that are driving positive change throughout our community. "We are always looking for ways to strengthen and enhance our city for residents, employees, and visitors alike. "I am sincerely grateful for the support of the Common Council and, the dedicated City Staff who keep our operations running efficiently, their teamwork and commitment help foster innovation and forward progress". Genisot added the city has continued to maintain a balanced budget throughout 2025 and plans to carry this fiscal responsibility into 2026. Due to strong financial management, we have successfully retained our A1 credit rating from Moody's.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS: Room Tax Commission- Bonnie Menacher- February 2026-January 2027

Alderperson Oitzinger moved/Karban seconded and **all concurred** to **approve** the Mayor's Appointment.

PRESENTATION BY HAVEN OF HOPE:

Jackie Adderley gave a presentation regarding the progress mission statement and key accomplishments for Dorothy's Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter for 2025. Adderley also distributed a copy of the first Annual Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN BOOKING HOUSE INC. F/S/O HOTEL CALIFORNIA, THE ORIGINAL EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS ARTIST) AND THE CITY OF MARINETTE (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS PURCHASER). FOR AN EVENT ON FRIDAY JULY 10TH AT STEPHENSON ISLAND:

Alderperson Polzin moved/ Mikutowski seconded and upon a call of the roll **motion carries** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to **approve** agreement made between BOOKING HOUSE INC. F/S/O HOTEL CALIFORNIA, THE ORIGINAL EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND (herein referred to as Artist) and THE CITY OF MARINETTE (herein referred to as Purchaser), for an event on Friday July 10th at Stephenson Island.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES: Alderpersons Polzin moved/Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll, **motion carries** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to **grant advance authorization** to the City Treasurer/Finance Director to pay February 2026 expenditures contingent upon Finance and Insurance Committee approval.

DECEMBER 2025 BUDGET REPORTS: Alderpersons Skorik moved/ Mikutowski seconded and **all concurred**, to **approve** the December 2026 budget reports.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CONTRACT WITH MARINETTE COUNTY FOR SERVER ROOM HOSTING:

Alderspersons Polzin moved/Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve to contract with Marinette County for server room hosting.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING 2025 CAPITAL FUNDS FOR SERVERS:

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Karban seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve to carry over \$30,000 from Capital Funds for upgrades to licensing software and servers.

PERSONNEL AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR AGENT FOR KWIK TRIP 574:

Alderperson Skorik moved/ Keller seconded and all concurred to approve The Appointment of Successor Agent for Kwik Trip 574.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE PREMISES EXTENSION APPLICATION FROM RED BRICK TAVERN LLC FOR EVENT TAKING PLACE AT 801 MAIN ST. ON MARCH 7, 2026:

Alderperson Wolfe moved/ Polzin seconded and all concurred to approve the Alcohol license Premises Extension application from Red Brick Tavern LLC for event taking place at 801 Main St. on March 7, 2026

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EIGHT (8) NEW OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

Alderspersons Polzin moved/Karban seconded and all concurred, to grant operator licenses to the following eight (8) new applicants: Lynn M. Decorah, Melanie L. Franke, Shawn A. Holt, Katie L. Kostelecky, Micky R. Michaels, Marie L. Posephny, Nathan D. Smith & Gina M. Vanhoff. Each aforementioned operator license applicant, recommended to have licenses granted for the current licensing period expiring 6/30/2028, 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 COMMITTEE DID NOT HAVE ANY COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MENOMINEE RIVER TRAIL BID RESULTS:

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Keller seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the low bid from Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$326,923.10 which includes the alternate bid to pave the trail with asphalt. The Common Council would like an agenda item regarding the amenities along Menominee River Trail be added to the next Board of Public Works Committee meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING 2026 TAPCO TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the 2026 TAPCO Traffic Signal Preventive Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$4,638.00 as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING BID RESULTS FOR STREET AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION UNIVERSITY

DRIVE PROJECT NO. 2026-100: Alderspersons Polzin moved/Kowalski seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the low bid from Advance Construction in the amount of in the amount of \$1,668,889.00 for Street and Utility Reconstruction University Drive Project No. 2026-100.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING BID RESULTS FOR STREET AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION ELIZABETH

AVENUE Project No. 2025-400: Alderspersons Keller moved/Oitzinger seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the low bid from Advance Construction in the amount of \$284,248.80 for Street and Utility Reconstruction Elizabeth Avenue Project No. 2025-400. The Common Council would like an item brought to the Board of Public Works Committee meeting to add sidewalks to the project for the block which the Primary Elementary School is located.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING STREET USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM JAMES KITZINGER, RED BRICK

TAVERN LLC, FOR AN EVENT AT 801 MAIN ST ON 03/07/26: Alderspersons Wolfe moved/Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the Street Use permit for James Kitzinger, Red Brick Tavern LLC, for an event at 801 Main St on 03/07/26.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PRICE QUOTATIONS FOR TREE REMOVAL ALONG UNIVERSITY DRIVE:

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Keller seconded and upon a call of the roll, motion carries by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to approve the price quote from Town & Country Tree Service in the amount of \$6,777.72 for Tree Removal Along University Drive.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PRICE QUOTATIONS FOR CITY-WIDE TREE REMOVAL & STUMP GRINDING:

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Mikutowski seconded and upon a call of the roll, **motion carries** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to **approve** the price quote from Town & Country Tree Service in the amount of \$48,028.06 for City-Wide Tree Removal & Stump Grinding with a budget amendment from full-time Department of Public Works staff.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HAD NO COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SAFETY, CODE ENFORCEMENT DID NOT HAVE ANY COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JANUARY

PLAN COMMISSION

PLAN COMMISSION DID NOT HAVE A MONTHLY MEETING IN JANUARY

CLOSED SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVICE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. 19.85(1)(F) AND (G) TO WIT:

a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT-EMPLOYMENT LAW MATTER.

Aldersperson Polzin moved/Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll, **motion carried** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to convene into closed session at 5:50 PM.

PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. §19.85(2), THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSED SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF ANY, ON ANY CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM.

Aldersperson Oitzinger moved/Mikutowski seconded and **all concurred** to reconvene in open session at 6:17PM

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT-EMPLOYMENT LAW MATTER.

Aldersperson Oitzinger moved/ Keller seconded and upon a call of the roll, **motion carried** by a vote of 9 ayes to 0 nays to **approve** the proposed settlement Agreement signed January 19th, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Alderspersons Polzin moved/Wolfe seconded and all concurred to adjourn at 06:19PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

The next regular Common Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 3rd, 2026 at 05:00 PM in the Common Council Chambers at Marinette City Hall, Marinette, WI.
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