

## PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 05, 2023

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ward – Alderperson Ken Keller; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alderperson Jeffrey Skorik; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alderperson Doug Oitzinger; 4<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alderperson Mike Wolfe; 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alderperson Liz Mikutowski; 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alderperson Rick Polzin; 8<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alderperson Tom Karban and Citywide At-Large Seat – Alderperson Dorothy Kowalski.

**Absent:** 6<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alderperson Debra Klegin.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Pamela Goes, 3054 Carney Ave, spoke regarding a letter she sent to the media regarding the Mayor's proposed Salary. Theresa Parish, 2729 Hannah St, spoke with concerns regarding the Mayor's proposed Salary.

### **COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Alderpersons Skorik moved/Wolfe seconded and all concurred, to approve as presented, the regular Common Council meeting minutes from 08/02/2023.

### **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 Polzin moved/Karban seconded and all concurred, to accept, as presented, the following standing committee meeting minutes: Finance & Insurance Committee minutes- August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Civic Affairs, Cemetery Traffic & Lights minutes- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Personnel & License Committee minutes- August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Parks & Recreation Committee minutes- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Public Safety Code Enforcement Committee minutes- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Plan Commission Committee Minutes- August 2<sup>nd</sup> & August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor Genisot updated the committee regarding the September 16<sup>th</sup> USS Marinette Commissioning stating this is the final step and then the Navy takes possession of the ship, the public is able to sign up for tours. Mayor Genisot stated on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12:00-5:00PM the 2023 AOC Conference attendees will tour the Lower Menominee River/ Menekaunee Harbor and in conjunction with the tour on Thursday, September 7, 2023, City of Marinette Harbor Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host a Shoreline Clean-up at Menekaunee Harbor and the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch from 9:00 am until Noon.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **UPDATE REGARDING GENERAL CODE (JEANIE SANDERS)**

Jeanie Sanders (Via Go to meeting) provided an update regarding the progress on the General Code stating we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and have organized the chapters and sent any discrepancies to the city to review. The reviews should be completed by November 11 to start phase 3 then to phase 4 to adopt the code and publish.

#### **UPDATE/ PROJECT STATUS AND TIMELINES FOR ELY, LUDINGTON, WELLS AND MAIN STREET PROJECTS (AYRES ASSOCIATES):**

Craig Schuh, Ayers Associates Project Manager was present to update the Common Council regarding timelines for Ely, Ludington, Wells and Main Street projects, Schuh distributed a handout outlining the projects and stated EDA approved the removal of Main Street from the grant allowing for modification to the scope of Ely Garage Parking Lot, the revised plans are advertised for bid. The bids close on September 14 at 10:00 am. Construction is set to be completed in 2 stages, fall work (demolition, site grading) and spring work (final restoration, paving). Ludington /Wells Streets plan and special revision updates are in progress and construction could start in Spring of 2024, Main Street is now an independent project and a WisDOT TEA grant is pending approval.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SALE OF VACANT LOTS- 1350 ARMSTRONG ST AND 1007 BLAINE ST.**

Mayor Genisot informed the Common Council a proposal had been awarded for 1350 Armstrong but the individual has since withdrawn the proposal. Daniel Hayes, developer was present to answer any questions the Common Council may have. Hayes stated both property's will be single family homes of about 1000 sq. ft. Alderpersons Skorik moved/Kowalski seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve the sale of vacant lots at 1350 Armstrong St and 1007 Blaine St to Daniel Hayes, N1974 Sotka Rd, Marinette WI 54143.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OFFER TO PURCHASE EXTENSION FOR AURORA MEDICAL CENTER BAY AREA INC. (BAMC).**

Alderspersons Keller moved/Polzin seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to authorize the Mayor to seek an extension of the due diligence period up to the end of year for the offer to purchase for Aurora Medical Center Bay Area INC. (BAMC).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TYCO FIRE PRODUCTS LP:** Alderspersons Polzin moved/Kowalski seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes to 2 nays (Karban & Mikutowski) to approve as presented the reimbursement agreement in the amount of \$50,000 with Tyco Fire Products LP.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES WITH AYRES ASSOCIATES:**

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Wolfe seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve, as presented, the Contract for Grant Writing Services with Ayres Associates in the amount of \$13,000.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CLOSING ON THE REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACT FOR CN/SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY RAILROAD PROPERTY:** Alderspersons Keller moved/Oitzinger seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve, as presented, and authorize Mayor Genisot proceed with the closing of the Real Estate Sales Contract for CN/Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company railroad property in the amount of \$50,000 pending grant award from DNR.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH BASSETT MECHANICAL FOR THE REC FACILITY:**

Alderspersons Polzin moved/Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve, as presented, the renewal contract with Bassett Mechanical for the REC Facility in the amount of \$10,800.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN FINCANTIERI MARINETTE MARINE AND CITY OF MARINETTE:** Scott Wellens, Fincantieri Marinette Marine was present to answer any questions the Common Council may have. Alderspersons Polzin moved/Kowalski seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays (Skorik abstained) to approve, as presented, the first Amendment To Agreement between Fincantieri Marinette Marine and City of Marinette.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BIDDING AT THE SHERIFF SALE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1533 PIERCE AVENUE TO PROTECT THE CITY'S LIEN INTEREST:** Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Karban seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve, the city the ability to bid no more than \$30,000 at the Sheriff Sale for property located at 1533 Pierce Avenue to protect the City's lien interest.

#### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:** Alderspersons Polzin moved/Wolfe seconded and upon a call of the roll the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to grant advance authorization to the City Treasurer/Finance Director to pay September 2023 expenditures contingent upon Finance and Insurance Committee approval.

**AUGUST 2023 BUDGET REPORTS:** Alderspersons Skorik moved/Kowalski seconded and all concurred to approve the August 2023 budget reports.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DISCONTINUING CDBG- HOUSING RLF PROGRAMS.**

Aldersperson Kowalski moved/ Skorik seconded and upon a call of the roll motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve to discontinue CDBG-Housing RLF Programs and return funds up to \$211,704.84 and any additional funds received to the state and notification provided to residents of how to apply with the Brown County Regional office.

#### **PERSONNEL AND LICENSE COMMITTEE**

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TEMPORARY CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE APPLICATION FROM MARINETTE MENOMINEE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FOR EVENTS BEING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 AND NOVEMBER 11, 2023 AT 2501 PIERCE AVE.:**

Alderspersons Oitzinger moved/Wolfe seconded and all concurred, (Polzin abstained) to approve the temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage and wine application from Marinette Menominee Youth Hockey Association for events being held on September 15, 2023 and November 11, 2023 at 2501 Pierce Ave.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TEMPORARY CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE APPLICATION FROM TRIPLE C RIDERS FOR EVENTS BEING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 AT 1600 BRIDGE ST:**

Alderspersons Polzin moved/Mikutowski seconded and all concurred, to approve the license for Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage for Triple C Riders for events being held on September 29, 2023 at 1600 Bridge St.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EMPLOYEE POLICY UPDATES:** Aldersperson Mikutowski moved/ Polzin seconded and upon a call of the roll motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to approve as presented the employee policy updates for Overtime and Compensatory Time off.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MAYOR'S SALARY FOR 2024, 2025 & 2026:** Alderpersons [Oitzinger](#) moved/[Kowalski](#) seconded and all concurred, to **take no action** on the agenda item and send item back to the Personnel and License committee with additional information regarding mayor's salary and also information on other employee wage increases for 2024 that will be recommended to the Finance & Insurance Committee.

**SIX (6) NEW OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS:** Alderpersons [Polzin](#) moved/[Keller](#) seconded and all concurred, to **conditionally grant** operator licenses to the following five (5) new applicants: Camryn J. Ferm, David J. Grindle, Kyra J. Michel, Brian P. Torreano & Aaron C. VanDeBogert and **deny** license to Taiah J. Purcell, due to her non-compliance with Personnel & License Committee Policy NO. PLC – 1.0010 flowchart item #4 & #6. Each aforementioned operator license applicant, recommended to have licenses granted for the current licensing period expiring 6/30/2025, 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, CEMETERY, TRAFFIC & LIGHTS**

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PURCHASING BACK OF A GRAVE IN SECTION 0-SW-BLOCK 11-ROW 6-GRAVE 4 FROM PONG ZADURSKI IN FOREST HOME CEMETERY FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$375.00:**

Alderpersons [Mikutowski](#) moved/[Skorik](#) seconded and all concurred to **approve** purchasing back of a grave in section 0-SW-Block 11-Row 6-Grave 4 from Pong Zadurski in Forest Home Cemetery for the purchase price of \$375.00.

**CIVIC AFFAIRS, CEMETERY, TRAFFIC & LIGHTS RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2514 TO BE CONSIDERED LATER ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA.**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DID NOT HAVE A MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE DID NOT HAVE ANY COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC SAFETY CODE ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2513 TO BE CONSIDERED LATER ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA.**

**PLAN COMMISSION**

**PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2512 TO BE CONSIDERED LATER ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA.**

**APPROVED ORDINANCES**

Please take notice that the City of Marinette enacted the following ordinance listed below on **Tuesday September 5th, 2023**. Pursuant to WI Stat. § 62.11(4)(c)(2) copies of the complete text of ordinance listed below may be obtained at the City of Marinette Clerk's office located at Marinette City Hall, 1905 Hall Ave., Marinette WI or by calling 715-732-5140. Each City of Marinette Ordinance listed below shall take effect on the day after publication in this newspaper or at a later date if expressly prescribed in the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2512- AMENDING MMC 13.1506 PERTAINING TO CONDITIONAL USES IN AN R-2 ONE AND TWO FAMILY ZONING DISTRICT.**

Alderpersons [Oitzinger](#) moved/[Skorik](#) seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to **approve, as presented**, City of Marinette Ordinance No. 2512- Amending MMC 13.1506 pertaining to Conditional Uses in an R-2 One and Two Family Zoning District.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2513- AMENDING MMC 10.0404 PERTAINING TO DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES.**

Alderpersons [Skorik](#) moved/[Mikutowski](#) seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to **approve, as presented**, City of Marinette Ordinance No. 2513- Amending MMC 10.0404 pertaining to disposal of abandoned vehicles.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2514- AMENDING MMC 2.0210 AND 2.0211 PERTAINING TO MEETINGS.**

Alderpersons [Oitzinger](#) moved/[Wolfe](#) seconded and upon a call of the roll the **motion passed** by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays to **approve, as presented**, City of Marinette Ordinance No. 2514 - Amending MMC 2.0210 and 2.0211 pertaining to meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Alderpersons [Kowalski](#) moved/[Karban](#) seconded and all concurred to adjourn at 07:57 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

The next regular Common Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday October 3, 2023** at 06:00 PM in the Common Council Chambers at Marinette City Hall, Marinette, WI.