

# CITY OF MARINETTE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Mayor Genisot called the [Special](#) Common Council meeting to order at 4:15 PM in the [Common Council Chambers](#) at Marinette City Hall, 1905 Hall Avenue.

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

**Alderspersons Present:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ward – Ken Keller; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Jeffrey Skorik; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Doug Oitzinger  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward – Mike Wolfe; 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Liz Mikutowski 6<sup>th</sup> Ward- Debra Klegin; 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Rick Polzin. 8<sup>th</sup> Ward – Tom Karban and At-Large Seat (Citywide) – Dorothy Kowalski.

**Alderspersons absent: None**

## **CITY COMMENTS:**

- Ben Dorris, 1422 10<sup>th</sup> St, Marinette urged the City Council to preserve the Stephenson Library at its current location.

## **Discussion and possible action regarding Agreement with Marinette County for the Stephenson Library and UW-Marinette Campus.**

Mayor Genisot met with current and future Marinette County Administration to work towards a possible collaboration to see if the City of Marinette has any interest in the UW-properties. Mayor Genisot provided a power point presentation showing options for the UW-Campus and Stephenson Public Library. Genisot stated Marinette County and the City of Marinette need to act as a community to find a solution to move forward and work towards a more sustainable future. Mayor Genisot stated in his presentation the bottom line is the City of Marinette is focused on persevering what works, reducing Long Term Liability and protecting public waterfront access.

Aldersperson Polzin moved/ Keller seconded to acquire all 3 -UW properties to include the Fieldhouse, Runoe Park and UW-Main Campus buildings from Marinette County subject to a Memorandum of Understanding being drafted to include that the City of Marinette has no interest in moving the Stephenson Public Library from its current location and a review and approval of a financial analysis. Aldersperson Oitzinger amended the motion/ Mikutowski seconded and upon a call of the roll **motion failed** by a vote of 2 ayes (Oitzinger & Karban) to 7 nays (Polzin, Kowalski, Skorik, Keller, Klegin, Mikutowski & Wolfe) to **approve** to remove the language from acquire to continue to discuss, upon a call of the original motion, **motion carried** by a vote of 7 ayes (Polzin, Kowalski, Skorik, Keller, Klegin, Mikutowski & Wolfe) to 2 nays (Oitzinger & Karban) to **approve** to acquire all 3 UW properties to include Fieldhouse, Runoe Park and UW-Main Campus buildings from Marinette County subject to a Memorandum of Understanding being drafted to included that City of Marinette has no interest in moving Stephenson Public Library from its current location and a review and approval of a financial analysis.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alderspersons [Kowalski](#) moved/[Polzin](#) seconded and all concurred, to adjourn at 5:53 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk