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Press Release

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**Marquette School Update**

At the May 7, 2018, meeting of the City of Kewaunee Common Council, the Council reviewed the bids received from contractors who proposed demolishing the old Marquette school building. Seven bids were received. All of the bidders felt it would be more expensive to leave the foundation of the old building in the ground rather than remove it from the site. The Council voted unanimously to award the Marquette School demolition to Dakota Intertek Corporation which was the lowest bidder. It is estimated the total project cost will be approximately \$1.1 million, including a contingency line item of approximately \$150,000 dollars. That total cost will be offset by approximately \$600,000 in grant funds received by the City.

The Common Council also voted to approve the purchase of the old Marquette School from Kewaunee County for one dollar (\$1.00), approving a formal Resolution and a Quit Claim deed for the purchase which holds the county harmless for any issues with the building. Kewaunee County is planning on forgiving the back taxes. The City is planning to have Kewaunee County take possession of the Marquette School property on delinquent tax foreclosure and then transfer ownership to the City. The City is grateful for Kewaunee County's efforts to make this project a reality. The Kewaunee County Board is scheduled to decide if they will take the school on a tax foreclosure at their meeting on May 22nd.

Should Kewaunee County approve the sale of the School to the City, the clock would then begin to start on the demolition process. Dakota Intertek Corporation would be notified and then have ten days to proceed with the demolition. After those 10 days, Dakota Intertek Corporation would have 120 days to complete the project. If the project is not completed within the time frame there will be a \$500.00 per day penalty.

Please feel free to call 920-388-5000 with any questions.