

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 22, 2016

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in special session upon the call of the City Clerk, at the City Hall on the above date and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Councilmembers Nielsen, Nowak, Sexton, and Johnson.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, that the following modification to the agenda be approved.

1. Add closed session to discuss pending litigation, and return to open session for action on Attorney's recommendation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RIVER CENTER STATUS PRESENTATION GIVEN BY THE RIVER CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

Roger Witherbee and Judy Kalmanek presented on behalf of the River Center Steering Committee, the status of the River Center project located at Duck Park. The presentation included all the accomplishments of the River Center committee to-date, including fundraising, feasibility study, conceptual design, and an application for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Building and funding of the River Center, as well as activities planned for the new building were discussed. Operational funds will come from office space rental, event and conference rentals, and fundraising events. The building will be designed for environmental sustainability. The goal is to have the River Center built by 2019.

Bill Pfeifer, City Attorney, discussed the ownership of the River Center building, and recommended that once the Center is built, it should be donated to the City of Alpena. Greg Sundin, City Manager, discussed the sustainability of the building.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that

the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 6:10 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 6:19 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 7:42 p.m.

Carried by unanimous vote.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the City Attorneys are authorized to draft a mediation-settlement agreement based upon the discussions in the closed session, and for formal presentation to Municipal Council.

Carried by votes as follows:

Ayes: Waligora, Johnson, Nielsen, and Nowak.

Nays: Sexton.

On motion of Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk