

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 01, 2024

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session on the above date and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Kane, Councilmember Mitchell, and Mayor Pro Tem Nowak.

Absent: Councilmember Walchak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Mayor Johnson, to remove item 7F (approval of the service agreement with the Thunder Bay Arts Council) from the consent agenda and add it to item C under new business.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular and closed sessions of June 17, 2024, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$349,204.22, and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the warrant.
- B. Approval of a cemetery deed no. 0304 by and between the City of Alpena and Marianne Vidican in the amount of \$745 for block 41, lot 225, for the use and purpose of a burial lot with perpetual care and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign said deed.

- C. Approval of an amendment to the fireworks contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. and authorize City Manager Smolinski to sign said contract.
- D. Authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the summer 2024 tax roll supervisor's warrant which is the authority to collect the taxes, make necessary distribution of taxes, and do what is necessary to enforce collection of taxes as specified in the General Property Tax Act, No. 206, P.A. 1893.
- E. Approval of the service agreement with the Target Alpena Development Corporation for the period of July 01, 2024, to June 30, 2025.
- F. Approval of the service agreement with the Huron Humane Society for the period of July 01, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

TARGET SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Moved by Councilmember Mitchel, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to receive and file the Target semi-annual report.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each council member provided an update for the committees on which they participate.

REIMAGINED THUNDER BAY RIVER CENTER

Moved by Councilmember Kane, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve the new direction for the Thunder Bay River Center as an outdoor learning center with interpretive exhibits, art installations, and immersive activities.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

ABSTENTION

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to allow Mayor Pro Tem Nowak to recuse himself [from discussion and voting on the travel lift operator and winter storage services due to a conflict of interest].

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

2024/25 TRAVEL LIFT OPERATOR AND WINTER STORAGE SERVICES

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to renew the travel lift operator and winter storage services contract until June 30, 2025, at the rate of \$3.00 per square foot for winter storage.

Motion carried 3-0, 1 absent, 1 abstain.

THUNDER BAY ARTS COUNCIL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Moved by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, to modify and approve the services agreement with the Thunder Bay Arts Council for the period of July 01, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and remove the section on bonding and replace with insurance language.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed from 6:47 p.m. to 6:48 p.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to adjourn to closed session to discuss a water and sewer litigation update and an update regarding litigation in the Michigan Tax Tribunal for the City of Alpena v County of Alpena.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Cindy Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk