

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 17, 2020

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

Present: Mayor Waligora, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilmembers Nowak, Hess, and Mitchell.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0.

MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hess, to add an Absentee Ballot Presentation to 11B on the agenda under Report of Officers.

Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of August 3, 2020 meeting were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the Amount of \$495,689.96 be Allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk Authorized to Sign Warrant in Payment of Same.
2. Budget Amendment Request to Carryover Funding from FY19-20 to FY20-21 for Information Technology Projects.
3. New Event – Suicide Prevention Walk to be held Saturday, September 26, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
4. Mayoral Appointment of Jerry Tracey to the Authority for Brownfield Redevelopment for a Three-Year Term Expiring on 09/01/2023.

Motion carried 5-0.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Joel Jett recognized the retirements of Officers Chet Spencer and Dave Koch.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

City Engineer, Rich Sullenger recognized the retirements of Department of Public Works employees, Tami Romel, and Jeffery Tingler.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE VOTING DELEGATES

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to designate Mayor Waligora as voting delegate, and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson as alternate voting delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention to be held online from September 29, 2020 through October 2, 2020.

Motion carried 5-0.

ABSENTEE BALLOT PRESENTATION

City Clerk, Anna Soik provided information regarding absentee voting to the Council.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to postpone discussion on the proposed changes to Evergreen Cemetery Regulations until City Engineer Rich Sullenger brings it back to Council.

Motion carried 5-0.

GOOSE EGG COLLECTION

City Engineer Rich Sullenger gave a presentation on goose egg collection within the City. Department of Public Works (DPW) employees must receive training from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prior to the removal of goose eggs. There was no goose egg collection in 2020 due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

PERFORMANCE LOCKER – LEASE AGREEMENT TERMINATION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to terminate the lease agreement with Performance Locker for use of the Mich-e-ke-wis warming shelter, and to consider the agreement paid in full.

Motion carried 5-0.

MICH-E-KE-WIS PARK PLAN

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to adopt the Mich-e-ke-wis Park Plan with the understanding of modifications in the future.

Motion carried 5-0.

BID - INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES TO LAFOREST AND OLIVER

The following sealed bids were received on August 11, 2020 for the Laforest and Oliver Infrastructure Upgrade Project.

MacArthur Construction Hillman, MI \$2,070,646.60

Elmer's Crane and Dozer Hillman, MI \$2,258,908.50

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Hess, to award the bid to MacArthur Construction for the as tabulated bid unit prices totaling \$2,070,646.60.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:37 p.m.

RECONVENE - CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to reconvene in closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the City of Alpena v Charter Township of Alpena at 7:45 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hess, the Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 9:21 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk