

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 2, 2021

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.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular and closed sessions of July 19, 2021, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$153,857.73.
- B. Budget amendment request to carryover projects for the marina in the amount of \$28,000.
- C. Budget amendment request for a reduction of the Major Street fund balance in the amount of \$75,000.
- D. Budget amendment request to carryover projects in the Major Street Fund in the amount of \$374,000 and in the Local Street Fund Fund in the amount of \$233,000.

- E. Budget amendment request to carryover projects for the Public Works Department within the General Fund in the amount of \$103,100.
- F. Budget amendment request to carryover projects in the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$685,000.
- G. Budget amendment request to carryover projects in the I.T. Department within the General Fund in the amount of \$34,087.
- H. Budget amendment request to carryover projects in the Water Fund in the amount of \$172,000.

Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Waligora proclaimed August 8-14, 2021 as Friends Together 25th Celebration Week in the City of Alpena.

RECUSAL FROM VOTING

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to recuse Mayor Waligora from voting on the topic of the modification of select fees for FY22 as the fence fee pertains to his personal business.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 abstain (Waligora).

MODIFICATION OF SELECT FEES FOR FY22

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to modify the Alpena Regional Trailhead Pavilion to a \$100 refundable deposit and \$75 rent and also to modify the fence permit fee to \$35.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 abstain (Waligora).

REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES RECERTIFICATION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to achieve Redevelopment Ready Communities Recertification and allow Mayor Waligora to sign.

Motion carried 5-0.

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Denise Cline, Deputy Director/Chief Planner of Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, presented proposed zoning amendments to articles 2, 3, 5, and 7 of the City of Alpena zoning ordinance. No action taken at this time as first reading of this ordinance will be on a future agenda.

RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA

Councilmember Hess initiated discussion on allowing recreational marihuana facilities within the City. City Manager, Rachel Smolinski, and staff will bring additional information to the Council in a future meeting.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:11 p.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to reconvene in closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss an update regarding proposed litigation with the Alpena Prototype Biorefinery, LLC, American Process, Inc., and GranBio LLC.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 7:52 p.m.

FORBEARANCE AGREEMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to approve the forbearance agreement with Decorative Panels International pending their

signature.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, the
Municipal Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk