

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**December 20, 2021**

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session in person 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, Mitchell and Osmer.

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 December 6, 2021, were approved as printed.

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

A public input session was conducted regarding the possible elimination of fluoride in the drinking water production process. There were seven written comments received by the Clerk and twelve citizens made public comments during the meeting. No action was taken at this time.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$1,398,869.08.
- B. Approval of a budget amendment request to move \$500 from the Planning Department and \$500 from the Zoning Department to the Code Enforcement budget, which is over budget.
- C. Approval to not execute the contract with Weinkauf Plumbing & Heating, Inc. as approved at the December 06, 2021, meeting for City-wide boiler inspections.

Motion carried 5-0.

## **CITY WIDE PRIDE PROGRAM**

Eight City employees were recognized for exhibiting "City Wide Pride" as follows: DPW Technician, Tim Hepburn; Administrative Assistant for Police and Fire, Tracy Marquardt; Fire Command, Andy Marceau; Firefighter/Paramedic, Andy Williams; Police Command, Eric Hamp; Police Patrol, Linnessa Mellberg; Engineering Assistant/Harbormaster, Shannon Smolinski; and Building Inspector, Steve Hall.

## **PERPETUAL LOT CARE FUND RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve the selection of the earnings option for investment of the perpetual lot care fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion carried 5-0.

## **COUNCIL COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Osmer, to approve the recommendation by the City Compensation Committee to have the wages for Mayor and Councilmembers remain the same for the next two years.

Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE 21-467**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Osmer, to adopt ordinance 21-467.

Motion carried 3-2.

**ORDINANCE 21-468**

Attorney Pfeifer delivered the first reading of ordinance 21-468, which amends the City of Alpena Zoning Ordinance Article 10.

**CHANGE TRAFFIC CONTROLS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS**

Jessica Luther, Assistant Director of the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library presented the request on behalf of the library to make some changes to the intersections of First Avenue at both Water Street and Park Place to ensure pedestrian safety. The Council directed staff to do research on the changes requested and get back to Council with a recommendation. No formal action taken.

**CHANGES TO CPS 21 GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to amend CPS 21, Guidelines for Poverty Exemption, as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL CONTRACT**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to approve the contract with Gilmet Construction Services for assistance with the Planning, Development, and Zoning Department/Building Department and to allow City Manager Smolinski to sign the contract.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Osmer, to approve using Meridian Contracting Services without the competitive bid process for the security upgrades in the Planning, Development, and Zoning lobby.

Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve a budget amendment to transfer \$21,220 from fund balance to the Capital-Building Maintenance fund.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **RECESS**

The Municipal Council recessed from 7:25 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to reconvene in closed session for attorney/client discussion regarding potential sale/use of City property.

No roll call in error.

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:34 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

On motion of Councilmember Osmer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Matthew Waligora  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leilan Bruning  
Deputy City Clerk