

Amended 1/4/2022

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

November 15, 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 November 01, 2021, and special session of November 09, 2021, were approved as printed.

~~Motion carried 5-0~~

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 \$435,102.91.
- B. School Liaison Officer Agreement.
- C. Council appointment of Ashley Wilmot-Peterson to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring on December 01, 2024.

- D. Council reappointment of Elizabeth Littler and Vernie Nethercut to the Wildlife Sanctuary Board for a 3-year term expiring on November 1, 2024.

Motion carried 5-0.

PERPETUAL LOT CARE FUND

A presentation was made by Anna Soik, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director, and Patrick Heraghty, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, to gift the funds of the Perpetual Lot Care Fund to the foundation. In turn, the City will receive interest earnings which can be used to cover expenses related to the operation and maintenance of the cemetery. Two different options were presented by Mr. Heraghty and a recommendation from City Manager Smolinski and Clerk Soik will be made at the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 21-465

Attorney Pfeifer delivered the first reading of ordinance 21-465 which amends the City of Alpena zoning ordinance articles 2, 5 and 7.

ORDINANCE 21-466

Attorney Pfeifer delivered the first reading of ordinance 21-466 which amends the City of Alpena zoning map.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to reject the potable water system bids for being overbudget.

Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve the submittal of the Rural Development Fund Grant for the remodeling of the Alpena Marina shop utilizing the \$20,000 budget surplus and commit the remainder of

\$15,000 during the Capital Improvement Plan process.

Motion carried 5-0.

DDA PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Anne Gentry, Executive Director of the DDA, presented options, for the Municipal Council to consider, which pertain to parking in the downtown as the result of concerns of available on-street parking. Those options include implementing an escalating fine system for repeat offenders; prohibit overnight parking on streets within the DDA district year-round; and pay-for-parking within the downtown district. The Municipal Council requested additional information from Ms. Gentry on opening some parking lots year-round and additional information from the DDA Board and Parking Committee for implementing parking meters in the downtown.

ADJOURN

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk