

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 05, 2022

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 Waligora, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilmember Mitchell, Councilmember Nowak, and Councilmember Walchak.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to move the City-Wide Pride presentation to before the public hearing and remove item G, approval of the Marina Shop lease renewal with All Marine and Storage through December 31, 2023, to Unfinished Business on the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of November 21, 2022, were approved as printed.

CITY-WIDE PRIDE PRESENTATION

The following employees were recognized for exhibiting “City-Wide Pride”: entire Police Department, DPW Technician, Todd “Kooter” Platt; Fire Command Officer, Chris Morrison; Firefighter/Paramedic, Cain Makowski; Chief of Police, Joel Jett; and a tie between Public Safety Clerk, Tracy Marquardt and Office Clerk, Gretchen Kruse.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DDA BOUNDARY EXPANSION

A public hearing was conducted for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) boundary expansion. A report was given by Anne Gentry, Executive Director of the DDA. A public comment period was opened. The Clerk reported that she received two written comments, both of which are in favor of the expansion. The public hearing was then closed, and council discussion ensued. Impacted jurisdictions have 60 days to notify the City if they are opting out or agreeing to another form of tax capture. The opt-out period ends February 3, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$1,190,064.19
- B. Approval of the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Christmas parades held within the city limits in 2023.
- C. PA 152 insurance opt-out effective calendar year 2023.
- D. Approval of revisions to Council Policy Statement No. 21 – Guidelines for Poverty Exemption.
- E. Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-19 which is a resolution to establish a policy regarding the accessibility of the Assessor’s office to taxpayers.
- F. Authorize Mayor Waligora to sign the Supervisor’s Warrant for the winter 2022 tax roll.
- G. Approval of the 2023 Council meeting schedule.

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE 22-482

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-482.

Motion carried 5-0.

CULLIGAN PLAZA RENOVATION COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to receive and file the Culligan Plaza Renovation Community Survey results.

Motion carried 5-0.

GFOA AWARD

City Manager Smolinski informed the Council that the City of Alpena received the Government Finance Officer Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the June 30, 2021, fiscal year. This is the 28th consecutive year for the award. Also, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was presented to the Clerk/Treasurer Office.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTE

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve the request from Councilmember Nowak to abstain from a vote on the All Marine lease renewal due to a relative being one of the principals in the contract.

Motion carried with votes as follows:

Ayes: Johnson, Mitchell, Walchak, and Waligora.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Nowak.

MARINA SHOP LEASE RENEWAL

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to renew the Marina Shop lease with All Marine and Storage through December 31, 2023.

Motion carried with votes as follows:

Ayes: Mitchell, Walchak, Waligora, and Johnson.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Nowak.

DUMPSTER SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to renew the contract with GFL Environmental for dumpster service for the requested unit prices for a one (1) year period ending December 31, 2023.

Motion carried 5-0.

MICHIGAN SPARK GRANT APPLICATION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve Resolution No. 2022-20 for the Riverside Skate Park improvements.

Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve Resolution No. 2022-21 for the Besser Museum Planet Walk.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed from 7:38 p.m. to 7:46 p.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation for Currier LLC, dba Neighborhood Provisions.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURN

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Municipal Council adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk