

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**December 19, 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 Nowak, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to move the presentations for retirement to after the approval of the minutes.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular and closed sessions of December 05, 2022, were approved as printed.

### **RETIREMENT RECOGNITION**

Firefighter/EMT, Bruce Honeycutt, was recognized for 2 years of service to the City of Alpena and Fire Chief Bill Forbush for 12 years of service. Both gentlemen were

commended for their service and presented with a ceremonial axe.

### **PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE CITY ELECTIONS TO EVEN YEARS**

A public hearing was conducted to change City elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years. A report was given by Anna Soik, City Clerk. A public comment period was opened. There were no written comments received by the City Clerk. The public hearing was then closed, and council discussion ensued.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve Resolution No. 2022-18.

Motion carried by votes as follows:

Ayes: Nowak, Walchak, Waligora, and Mitchell.

Nays: Johnson.

Absent: None.

### **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 \$427,158.16.
- B. Approval of an extension period until May 31, 2023, with WSSA LLC, for the purchase of two front lots located at US 23 North.
- C. Budget amendment request to decrease the revenue for the American Rescue Plan Act Fund in the amount of \$521,040.
- D. Renew the 2023 Property and Liability Insurance Policy with the Michigan Municipal League for \$145,138, set to expire on December 31, 2023.
- E. Approve the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Agreement, authorize the Mayor to sign, and adopt Resolution No. 2022-23.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **ORDINANCE 22-483**

Attorney Pfeifer delivered the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-483 which is to amend the City of Alpena zoning map.

### **COSTS AND VOTER TURNOUT OF NOVEMBER ELECTION**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to receive and file the costs and voter turnout report for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **WATER FLUORIDATION**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to choose option 3 and to direct City staff to eliminate the addition of fluoride in the drinking water beginning on May 1, 2023 and to prepare a news release to inform the public a minimum of 10 days prior.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to vacate Council Policy Statement No. 21, Guidelines for Poverty Exemption, effective December 31, 2022.

Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-22 for 2023 Poverty Exemption.

Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURN**

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the  
Municipal Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Matthew Waligora  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik  
City Clerk