

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 02, 2024

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 Pro Tem.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilmember Mitchell, Councilmember Nowak and Councilmember Walchak.

Absent: None.

Note: The Mayoral seat is currently vacant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of December 18, 2023, were approved as printed.

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 \$270,388.01, and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the warrant.
- B. Collection of the 2024 property taxes for Alpena Public Schools.

Motion carried 4-0.

AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve the proposed Ambulance Service Agreement Amendment 1 with Alpena County as proposed and

authorize Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Johnson and City Manager Rachel Smolinski to sign.

Motion carried 4-0.

VARIANCE OF COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT NO. 18 (PURCHASING)

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve the request for variance from the purchasing policy and issue a purchase order for the store's inventory.

Motion carried 4-0.

DIGESTER GRIND PUMP REPLACEMENT

With Council's permission, quotes were solicited from vendors for the replacement of the digester grind pump at the Water Recycling Plant with the following results:

HTSS, LLC	\$31,329.50	Alpena, MI
Kerr Pumps – Vaughan	\$31,329.00	Oak Park, MI
Kerr Pumps – Barnes	\$37,884.00	Oak Park, MI

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to issue a purchase order to HTSS, LLC of Alpena, MI for the replacement of the digester grind pump in the amount totaling \$31,329.50.

Motion carried 4-0.

RAW INFLUENT PUMP REPLACEMENT

With Council's permission, quotes were solicited for the replacement of three raw influent pumps at the Water Recycling Plant. Kerr Pump informed City staff that they are the sole franchised provider of this pump.

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve a purchase order to Kerr Pump of Royal Oak, MI, for three replacement pumps in the amount totaling \$76,977.

Motion carried 4-0.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL MAYORAL VACANCY

City Attorney Bill Pfeifer presented an overview of the procedure to fill the position of Mayor.

Councilmember Nowak presented his reasons as to why he should be selected to fill the seat.

Afterwards, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson presented her reasons as to why she should be selected.

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to nominate Cindy Johnson for Mayor [for the term ending December 31, 2024].

Motion failed by votes as follows:

Ayes: Walchak and Johnson.

Nays: Nowak and Mitchell.

Absent: None.

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to nominate Mike Nowak for the remaining term of Mayor [which ends December 31, 2024].

Motion failed by votes as follows:

Ayes: Mitchell and Nowak.

Nays: Walchak and Johnson.

Absent: None.

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to put this (selection of candidate to fill mayoral vacancy for the term ending December 31, 2024) on the next agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Cindy Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk