

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**January 03, 2023**

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, and Councilmember Walchak.

Absent: Councilmember Nowak.

### **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 4-0, 1 absent.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular session of December 19, 2022, were approved as printed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$237,428.57.
- B. Collection of 2023 property taxes for Alpena Public Schools.
- C. Approval of Councilwoman Cindy Johnson and City Manager Rachel Smolinski as representatives to the Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority Board with the first meeting held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
- D. Budget amendment to decrease the expense for the Thunder Bay River Center Project in the amount of \$8,050, which also decreases the amount

needed from committed fund balance.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

### **RETIREMENT RECOGNITION & PINNING CEREMONY**

Joel Jett, Police Chief, was recognized for 32 years of service to the City of Alpena Police Department. Chief Kyle Knight, Harbor Springs Police Department, and Chief Todd Woods, Mackinaw City Police Department, presented a plaque on behalf of the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Eric Hamp presented a plaque on behalf of the Alpena Police Department. City Manager Rachel Smolinski offered her congratulations and well wishes to Chief Jett. Chief Jett then removed his badge and presented it to Mrs. Dana Hamp for pinning on her husband, Chief Hamp. Afterwards, Chief Hamp received the Oath of Office as administered by Clerk Anna Soik.

### **ORDINANCE 22-483**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-483 which amends the City of Alpena Zoning Map.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

### **ORDINANCE 23-484**

City Attorney Pfeifer delivered the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-484 which amends Chapter 18, section 18-1 of the Medical Marihuana Facilities and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments. Discussion ensued which resulted in suggestions for changes and additions to the ordinance. Attorney Pfeifer will make the requested changes and present the ordinance for a second reading at a future meeting.

**RECESS**

The Municipal Council recessed from 7:49 p.m. to 7:56 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to adjourn to closed session to discuss: (1) updates on sewer and water litigation; and (2) pending ARC Family Enterprises, Inc. v. City of Alpena tax appeal.

Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:29 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Municipal Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Matthew Waligora  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik  
City Clerk