

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 06, 2024

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session on the above date and was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by the Mayor.

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

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular and closed sessions of April 15, 2024, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$414,161.61, and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the warrant.
- B. Council appointment of Michael Babcock to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring on May 01, 2027.
- C. Approval of a cemetery deed no. 0297 by and between the City of Alpena and Carole June Cadarette in the amount of \$0 for block 24, lot 55, for the use and purpose of a burial lot with perpetual care and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign said deed. This is a transfer to an heir from a relative and therefore, there is no fee.
- D. Approval of a cemetery deed no. 0298 by and between the City of Alpena and Donna Olsen in the amount of \$745 for block 40, lot 183, for the use and purpose of a burial lot with perpetual care and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign said deed.

- E. Approval of a cemetery deed no. 0299 by and between the City of Alpena and Kim & Jill Olsen in the amount of \$4,470 for block 40, lots 23, 24, 43, 44, 45, and 46, for the use and purpose of a burial lot with perpetual care and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign said deed.

Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Johnson proclaimed May 2024 as Garden Month within the City of Alpena.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-503

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-503 which amends the City of Alpena zoning map.

Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT FOR COUNCIL & MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to postpone this item (Council Policy Statement for Council and Mayoral Appointment) to the next scheduled meeting (May 20, 2024).

Motion carried 5-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to receive and file [the fiscal year 2024-25 Preliminary Budget].

Motion carried 5-0.

COSTS AND VOTER TURNOUT OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024, ELECTION

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to receive and file the election turnout [report].

Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each council member provided an update for the committees on which they participate.

FIREWORKS SHOW AT 2024 ALPENA COUNTY FAIR

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to approve the 2024 permit for fireworks at the Alpena County Fairgrounds for [August 17, 2024], and authorize Mayor Cindy Johnson to sign, pending the addition of the City of Alpena as additional insured.

Motion carried 5-0.

MARINA PUMPOUT PURCHASE REQUEST

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, to approve the issuance of a purchase order for the Keco Pumpout System and adapters from Keco, Inc. for the total cost of \$16,251.48.

Motion carried 5-0.

MARINA FUEL LINE REPLACEMENT

The City received the following quotes for the marina fuel line replacement project:

Oscar W. Larson Company – Gaylord, MI	\$55,454
R.W. Mercer – Saginaw, MI	\$113,543

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to award the contract for the Marina Fuel Line Replacement to the Oscar W. Larson Company for the total cost of \$55,454 and authorize Mayor Johnson or City Manager Smolinski to sign the documentation.

Motion carried 5-0.

PERMANENT ALLEYWAY CLOSURE

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to approve the request for permanent alleyway closure between Second and Third Avenues in Downtown Alpena.

Motion carried 5-0.

NAME CHANGE OF NORTH INDUSTRIAL HWY EAST OF US-23 NORTH

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve the street name change for the portion of North Industrial Highway east of US-23 North, to Hemlock

Lane.

Motion carried 5-0.

WATER PRODUCTION PLANT CLEARWELL REPLACEMENT

On March 18, 2024, the City received and opened bids for the Water Production Plant Clearwell Replacement and Infrastructure Improvements as follows:

Commercial Contracting Corp. – Auburn Hills, MI	\$9,843,000
Meridian Contracting Services – Alpena, MI	\$10,422,587
Sorensen Gross Company, LLC – Flint, MI	\$12,798,700

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to award the Clearwell Replacement and Infrastructure Improvements project, including alternates, to Commercial Contracting Corp. of Auburn Hills, Michigan for the unit prices established in the bid contract amount of \$9,843,000.

Motion carried 5-0.

DPW CONSTRUCTION FUND PROJECTS

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to approve the use of a portion, not to exceed \$375,000, of the DPW Construction Fund to complete the salt storage facility, cold-storage doors, and site paving projects at the DPW facility in the 2024-25 budget year.

Motion carried 5-0.

POLICE VEHICLE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to authorize Treasurer Soik to transfer \$46,400 from the General Fund [balance] to capital vehicles to cover the cost of upfitting three new police vehicles in FY24.

Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to authorize Treasurer Soik to transfer \$33,800 from the General Fund [balance] to general ledger number 101-

228-973.000, IT Department, for the purchase of three Motorola in-car camera systems in FY24.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed from 8:04 p.m. to 8:07 p.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to adjourn to closed session to discuss: (1) pending litigation Michigan Tax Tribunal case no. 23-001772 Huntington Bancshares Michigan Inc. v City of Alpena; (2) threatened/pending litigation with the Alpena Prototype Biorefinery, LLC, American Process, Inc., and GranBio LLC; (3) pending litigation Glawe, Inc. v City of Alpena; and (4) water and sewer litigation update.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, the Municipal Council adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Cindy Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk