

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**November 06, 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, 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 OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to add a payment to GOC Enterprises in the amount of \$6,500 to the Consent Agenda, and an announcement from the Mayor to be added to New Business.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular session of October 16, 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 \$502,423.51, and authorize Mayor Waligora and Clerk Soik to sign the warrant.
- B. Approval of a budget amendment request to increase the City Manager salary in the

amount of \$5,819.40 for the remainder of FY24.

C. \$6,500 Payment to GOC Enterprises.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **PRESENTATION**

Fire Chief, Robert Edmonds, recognized three citizens of the community (Jason Banny, Peter Gilbertson, and Thomas Krist) and three Alpena City Fire Department personnel (Doug Keogh, Abby Smith, and Chris Kinsey) for their roles in a successful CPR save of Mr. Keith Becker, an employee of Omni Metalcraft Corporation.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 23-498**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve Ordinance No. 23-498 which modifies the [City of Alpena] zoning map and rezones a portion of 350 Pinecrest Street from R-2 to OS-1.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **WATER PRODUCTION PLANT INTAKE INSPECTION UPDATE**

City Manager Rachel Smolinski read an update of the water production plant intake inspection on behalf of City Engineer Stephen Shultz. The primary reason for the blockage was the failure of the chemical feed lines. With the lines not working, mussels collected at the intake openings which created further blockage.

### **RESIGNATION OF MAYOR WALIGORA**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to regrettably accept the resignation of Mayor Matt Waligora effective December 31, 2023.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **RECESS**

The Municipal Council recessed from 6:17 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to discuss (1) an update regarding pending litigation in the Michigan Tax Tribunal for [the City of] Alpena vs County of Alpena; and (2) pending or threatened litigation regarding Alpena Biorefinery.

Motion carried 5-0.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 6:57 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mayor Waligora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Matthew Waligora  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik  
City Clerk