

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 18, 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.

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 Kane, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to add to the consent agenda under item B: “[authorize] Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the contract”; and under D and E to add “council reappointment”.

Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the closed session of March 04, 2024, were approved as printed.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to correct the March 04, 2024, minutes in the “Minutes” section by removing “Pro Tem”.

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$399,486.49, and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the warrant.

- B. Enter into a contract with Northern Consultants of Hancock, Michigan, for grant administrative services for an amount not to exceed \$29,680 and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the contract.
- C. Approval of cemetery deed no. 0296 by and between the City of Alpena and Carolyn & Thomas Lahner in the amount of \$1,490 for block 43, lot 105 and 106, for the use and purpose of a burial lot with perpetual care and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign said deed.
- D. Council reappointment of City Attorney Bill Pfeifer to the Building Authority for a three-year term expiring on March 01, 2027.
- E. Council reappointment of Jason Luther to the Harbor Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring on March 01, 2027.

Motion carried 5-0.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Kevin Alexander was recognized and thanked for over 22 years of service to the City of Alpena in the Department of Public Works. He retired on February 12, 2024.

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve the sale of city property [located east of the intersection of US-23 and North Industrial Highway] for the amount as stated (\$67,000), and authorize Mayor Johnson to sign the purchase agreement.

Motion carried 5-0.

THUNDER BAY ARTS COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL REPORT & BUDGET REQUEST

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to receive and file the report from Thunder Bay Arts Council as presented by Tim Kuehnlein.

Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT NO. 8 - TREES

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve the amended Council Policy Statement no. 8 regarding city owned trees.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed from 6:35 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to adjourn to closed session to discuss an update on water and sewer litigation.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Kane, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Cindy Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk