

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**May 20, 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 Mitchell, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to add as item B under "Announcements" the Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular and closed sessions of May 06, 2024, were approved as printed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was conducted for the FY25 preliminary budget. The hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. by the Mayor. A report was given by Finance Director, Anna Soik, on the taxes to be levied for tax year 2024. No written comments were received by the Clerk. The public hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m. Approval of the budget will occur at the June 17, 2024, meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, that the following

Consent Agenda items be approved:

- A. Bills to be allowed, in the amount of \$212,912.49, and authorize Mayor Johnson and Clerk Soik to sign the warrant.
- B. Approval of a cemetery deed no. 0300 by and between the City of Alpena and William and Vicki Keller in the amount of \$0 for block 18, lot 1, 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.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Johnson proclaimed June 9-15, 2024, as Alpena Blues Week within the City of Alpena.

### **ADDITION OF MAYOR JOHNSON TO CITY BANK ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to add Mayor Cindy Johnson as a signer to the General Fund account at Nicolet National Bank, the Payroll Fund at Huntington National Bank, and the Brownfield Authority and Trust Fund at PNC Bank.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION POLICY**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to adopt Council Policy Statement no. 57, City Council Compensation.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT FOR COUNCIL & MAYORAL APPOINTMENT**

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to adopt the definition of "taxpayer" as contained within the memo (from the City Attorney) for purposes of the allowing the City Clerk to have a standard for acceptable proof for Council vacancies, Mayoral appointments and/or eligibility for office in the City.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **ALPENA MARINA GAS AND FUEL BID**

The City received and opened bids on May 7, 2024, for the purchase and delivery of recreation gas and diesel fuel for the City of Alpena Marina as follows:

Base price – May 1, 2024 Blarney Castle \$3.4791 (Rec Gas) and \$2.5470 (Diesel)

Crystal Flash \$3.659 (Rec Gas) and \$2.759 (Diesel)

Mark-Up/Gallon Blarney Castle \$0.150 (Rec Gas) and \$0.175 (Diesel)

Crystal Flash \$0.200 (Rec Gas and Diesel)

Upcharge – Below Min. Blarney Castle – no upcharge

Crystal Flash - \$125 (Rec Gas and Diesel)

Upcharge – After hours Blarney Castle – no upcharge

Crystal Flash - \$250 (Rec Gas and Diesel)

Moved by Councilmember Kane, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to award Blarney Castle of Alpena, MI, the supply and delivery of recreation gas to the Alpena Marina for a markup price of \$0.150 and diesel fuel for a markup price of \$0.175, plus the base price at the time of delivery.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE REVISIONS**

Moved by Councilmember Kane, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve the ambulance fee schedule as proposed to be effective July 1, 2024.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALPENA COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Walchak, to approve the memo of understanding between the City of Alpena and the Alpena County Land Bank to support activities of the Round 3 Blight Elimination Program Grant.

Motion carried 5-0.

**NOISE ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR JOE'S BAR**

Moved by Councilmember Kane, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to allow the noise ordinance variation to occur for Joe's Bar on July 8, 2024, and July 20, 2024, for their band, live auction for a benefit for Friends Together and Hope Shores Alliance and allow them to play outside music from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

**NOISE ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR MICHIGAN BROWN TROUT FESTIVAL**

Moved by Councilmember Walchak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to approve the noise ordinance variance request for the Michigan Brown Trout Festival on July 19, 20, 26, and 27, 2024, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

**OUTDOOR MEXICAN FIESTA EVENT APPROVAL**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to approve the outdoor Mexican fiesta in the space located behind Mango's Tequila Bar on June 22, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Kane, the Municipal Council adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Cindy Johnson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik  
City Clerk