

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 20, 2012

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session in the City Hall on the above date and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Councilmembers Eiler, Karschnick, Nunneley, and Sexton.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of February 6, 2012, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$303,606.32 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Approval of budget amendment to move \$10,872 from the General Fund to the Major Street Fund for engineering administration expenses.
3. Donation of Civic Center plaque to the Gagnon family.

Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENTS TO 2010-2014 RECREATION PLAN

Mayor Waligora announced a Public Hearing on the amendments to the 2010-2014 Recreation Plan. Greg Sundin, Planning and Development Director, presented a report explaining the need for the proposed amendments and an overview of each. The

two projects included in the amendments are: 1) development of a trailhead for the recently completed Alpena to Cheboygan Non-Motorized Trail; and 2) development of site amenities along the City's Bi-Path located on the north side of Besser Lake.

Following the presentation, the public comment period was opened. No one spoke relative to the amendments and the City Clerk indicated that no written comments had been received. The public comment period was closed and the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

Council members indicated their strong support of the trailhead project, while stressing the need for a collaborative partnership among the governmental jurisdictions and non-profit entities likely to be involved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2014 RECREATION PLAN

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Eiler, that Resolution No. 2012-01, a resolution approving the amendments to the 2010-2014 Recreation Plan, be adopted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to receive and file the Treasurer's Financial Report of July 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

BUDGET REQUEST – AIRPORT SERVICES CONSULTANT

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the City contribute up to \$4,000 to the County to be used for consultant services to assist with

securing airline services in Alpena.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Waligora, Eiler, Nunneley, and Sexton.

Nays: Karschnick.

BUDGET REQUEST – HURON UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS TEAM (HUNT)

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to receive and file the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) budget request for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

WATER AND SEWER RATES AND METER CHANGE-OUT

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, that the City approve United Water's proposal to change out all the City's residential-sized meters to magnetic measurement radio-read flow meters and provide the City an interest free financing program with an eight-year payback per the City Engineer's memo dated January 31, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT FUND

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Sexton, to direct City staff to bring to Council a funding proposal to use a portion of the proposed savings from the meter change-out for replacement of meters in 20 years.

Carried by unanimous vote.

2012 WATER AND SEWER TAP-IN FEES

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Eiler, that the 2012 water and sewer tap-in fees, as presented, be approved.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 9:00 p.m., to discuss pending litigation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 9:00 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 9:12 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 9:42 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Sexton, the Council adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk