

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**April 7, 2014**

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 Sexton, Nielsen, Nowak, and Johnson.

Absent: None.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular session of March 17, 2014, were approved as printed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$307,160.52 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Receive and file the 2013 City Treasurer's Tax Roll Collection Report.
3. City Charter reappointment of City Assessor (Jeff Shea), City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director (Karen Hebert) and City Attorney (Bill Pfeifer) for two-year terms.
4. City Council appointment of Assistant City Attorney (Dylan Wallace) for a two-year term.
5. Renewal of auditing services – Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein, P.C. – July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **OPTION TO OPT-OUT OF ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS**

Mayor Waligora announced a Public Hearing on the option to opt-out of odd-year November elections. Karen Hebert, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director, presented a report. The public comment period was opened.

John Yake, 119 S. State Avenue, stated he is in favor of the city moving to even-year elections because of higher voter turnout and it will save the city money.

There were two written comments. Jay Hammond was in favor of switching to even year elections. Keith Wallace was in favor of keeping the elections in the odd year.

The public comment period was closed. Council discussion followed. The Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03**

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that Resolution No. 2014-03, a resolution to change the date of the election for Mayor and City Council to the even years, as authorized by Public Act 523 of 2012, be adopted.

Failed by vote as follows:

Ayes: Nowak and Waligora.

Nays: Sexton, Johnson, and Nielsen.

#### **ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS FOR TAX ABATEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, that the annual reports of capital investment and employment for the six firms currently receiving tax abatements, be received and filed.

Carried by unanimous vote.

#### **BITUMINOUS PATCHING BIDS**

The following sealed bids were received on April 1, 2014, for bituminous patching for the 2014 construction season:

East Shore Asphalt Paving	\$48,064.00
Goodrich Trucking	\$64,875.00

Moved by Councilwoman Nielsen, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the bid by East Shore Asphalt Paving, in the amount of \$48,064.00, be accepted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

#### **2014 TAP-IN FEES**

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that the recommendation of the City Engineer for a 3% increase in water and sewer utility service connections, be approved.

Carried by unanimous vote.

#### **PERFORMANCE LOCKER, LLC LEASE**

#### **MICH-E-KE-WIS WARMING SHELTER**

Moved by Councilwoman Nielsen, seconded by Councilman Nowak, to authorize the City to enter into a five-year lease with Performance Locker, LLC for the use of the Mich-e-ke-wis Warming Shelter as a sports and health facility.

Carried by unanimous vote.

#### **FIRE/EMS STAFFING**

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, to authorize hiring three additional personnel in the Fire/EMS Department per Fire Chief Bill Forbush's memo dated March 31, 2014.

Carried by unanimous vote.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 8:38 p.m., to discuss attorney client

privilege written opinion.

Carried by unanimous vote.

**RECESS**

The Municipal Council recessed at 8:38 p.m.

**RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 8:55 p.m.

**RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 10:35 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, the Council adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert  
City Clerk