

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 1, 2016

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 Nielsen, Nowak, Sexton and Johnson.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of January 18, 2016, were approved as printed.

MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, that the following modifications to the agenda be approved:

1. Add State of the City under Report of Officers Item 11. A.
2. Remove Proclamation Item 9. A.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$215,874.41 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. One City Council Appointment to the Recreation Board for a Three-Year Term Expiring February 1, 2019, (Thomas Dowd).
3. One City Council Reappointment to the Wildlife Sanctuary Board for a Three-Year Term Expiring February 1, 2019, (Judith Kalmanak).

Carried by unanimous vote.

STATE OF THE CITY REPORT

The City Manager, Greg Sundin, gave a state of the city report, to review the past years accomplishments, challenges, and issues, and to identify the priorities and challenges the City faces in the year ahead. The City Manager concentrated on four main areas: General Trends of the Alpena area, Community Activism, City Management and Organization, and City Initiative and Projects.

LANDFILL AUTHORITY REFUND

Moved by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, that the refund received by the City of Alpena in the amount of \$642.80 from the Landfill Authority be given to the Northeast Michigan Council of Government (NEMCOG), for the Intergovernmental Recycling Program.

Carried by unanimous vote.

**COUNCILMEMBER NIELSEN ABSTAIN FROM VOTE ON
MERIT FIBER LEASE AGREEMENT**

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that due to a conflict of interest, Councilmember Nielsen be allowed to abstain from voting on the fiber lease agreement with Merit Network, Inc.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Johnson, Sexton, Waligora, Nowak.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Nielsen.

**FIBER LEASE AGREEMENT
COUNTY OF ALPENA AND MERIT NETWORK, INC.**

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the City be authorized to enter into a fiber lease agreement with the County of Alpena and Merit Network, Inc. for Indefeasible Right of Use and maintenance for fiber strands along Airport Road; and that the City and County will split the revenue evenly.

Carried by vote as follow:

Ayes: Nowak, Sexton, Waligora, Johnson.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Nielsen.

On motion of Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk