

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**May 4, 2015**

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 April 20, 2015, and closed session of April 20, 2015, were approved as printed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$346,578.19 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-01 (B) – A resolution for MDOT Category “A” Grant.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **CINDY JOHNSON ABSTAINING FROM DISCUSSIONS AND VOTING**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, that due to a conflict of interest, Cindy Johnson be allowed to abstain from discussion and voting on the appointment of Theodore Johnson as Assistant City Attorney.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Nowak, Sexton, Waligora, and Nielsen.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Johnson.

**APPOINTMENT OF THEODORE JOHNSON AS  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, to appoint Theodore Johnson as Assistant City Attorney.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Sexton, Waligora, Nielsen, and Nowak.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Johnson.

**2015-2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to receive and file the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget as presented by the City Manager and City Treasurer; and a public hearing is scheduled for the May 18, 2015, Council Meeting.

Carried by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-430**

Ordinance No. 15-430, being an Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I – In General, Section 38.4 – Authority of Council to Permit Public Displays of Fireworks, was given its first presentment (reading) by the City Attorney.

**CHIEF'S BAR & GRILL**

### **NOISE VARIANCE**

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the noise variance request from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. for Chief's Bar & Grill on June 6 & 13, 2015, for charity events, be approved.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **CHIEF'S BAR & GRILL**

#### **STREET CLOSURE**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the request to close Lake Street from North Second Avenue to the back of Chief's Bar & Grill for a bean bag (corn hole) league on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. from June 10 through August 12, 2015, be approved.

Failed by vote as follows:

Ayes: Sexton.

Nays: Nielsen, Nowak, Waligora, and Johnson.

### **CITY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE**

Moved by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to execute the contract with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to assist in the City of Alpena's update to the City Recreation Plan; and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **FIREWORKS CONTRACT**

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, to authorize a new three-year fireworks contract at the same pricing and terms as the previous contract.

Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the  
Municipal Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert  
City Clerk