

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**March 19, 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 March 5, 2012, and closed session of March 5, 2012, were approved as printed.

### **MODIFICATION TO AGENDA**

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, that the following modification to the agenda be approved:

1. Add a report, as item 9 (b), from Mayor Waligora on a letter to elected officials concerning airline services.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$280,287.40 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. One City Council reappointment to the City of Alpena Building Authority for a three-year term expiring 3/19/15 (William Pfeifer).

Carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (MDNR)**

**RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION**

**ALPENA REGIONAL TRAILHEAD PROJECT**

Mayor Waligora announced a Public Hearing on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recreation Grant Application for the Alpena Regional Trailhead Project. Greg Sundin, Planning and Development Director, presented a report. The public comment period was opened.

Emily Myerson from the Top of Michigan Trails Council thanked the City for considering the project. She stated how important trails are to the economy by helping with tourism and transportation. However, without amenities and places for people to get on or off the trail, it is not as desirable for people to go to or return to.

With the trail being 70 miles long, the DNR worked with the City of Cheboygan to build a trailhead and there is also one being built in Millersburg. They will also continue to work with communities to build local access to the trail. Cheboygan, Millersburg, and Alpena are seen as the three regional trailheads.

Emily said she was thrilled that the county, City, and Soccer Association worked together on this project. The Trails Council and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sent letters of support for this project and she hopes the City will submit the grant.

The Clerk indicated that there was one written comment from the Alpena Snowdrifters which was received and read.

The public comment period was closed. Council discussion followed, during which all supported the project and staff was congratulated for thinking “outside the box”

in assembling the local match, especially during these difficult budget times for the City.  
The Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN MDNR RECREATION  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH EASTERN STATE TRAIL (NEST)  
ALPENA REGIONAL TRAILHEAD PROJECT**

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that Resolution No. 2012-02, a resolution authorizing submission of an Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recreation Grant Application for the North Eastern State Trail (NEST) Alpena Regional Trailhead Project, be adopted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, to receive and file the Treasurer's Financial Report of July 1, 2011, through February 29, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

**AIRLINE SERVICES**

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the City Council authorize the letter presented by Mayor Waligora be sent to elected officials; U.S. Senator Levin, U.S. Senator Stabenow, State Senator Moolenaar, Congressional Representative Benishek and State Representative Pettalia outlining why Alpena wants the Michigan Department of Transportation to enter us into a fourth round of bidding for airline services.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **ECONOMIC VITALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the City provide the State a letter stating it intends to implement the third Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) criteria with the stipulations presented in the City Manager's memo dated March 13, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **HMA BITUMINOUS PATCHING CONTRACT**

The following sealed bids were received on February 28, 2012, for bituminous patching for the 2012 construction season:

East Shore Asphalt Paving	\$49,564
Goodrich Trucking	\$55,625

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, that the bid by East Shore Asphalt, in the amount of \$49,564, be accepted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **CITY CONCRETE PROGRAM CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilman Sexton, to renew the City Concrete Program contract with Zann Brothers Construction at the renewal prices, per the City Engineer's memo dated March 12, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **SURPLUS STREET NAME SIGNS**

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, that the sale of surplus street name signs as outlined in the City Engineer's memo dated March 12, 2012, be authorized; and postage and handling costs be available at the time of sale if shipping is necessary.

Carried by unanimous vote.

### **ALPENA REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM**

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to authorize the City to submit a letter of withdrawal from the Alpena Regional Fiber Consortium if the Articles of Association language concerning the use of fiber resources by other members is unsatisfactory.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Eiler, Karschnick, Nunneley, and Waligora.

Nays: Sexton.

### **FIBER LEASE AGREEMENT**

#### **NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, to authorize City staff to execute the Fiber Access and Use Lease Agreement with Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health, to lease a pair of fiber from the City and County for \$3,303.36 per year; and also for the City to enter into a Fiber Access and Use Lease Agreement with the County to share in maintenance and revenues from leasing existing fiber.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Karschnick, Nunneley, Waligora, and Eiler.

Nays: Sexton.

#### **MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR FIBER**

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, to direct City staff to present council with a recommendation for a maintenance and replacement plan for the fiber from the revenue generated from leasing the fiber.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Nunneley, Sexton, Waligora, and Karschnick.

Nays: Eiler.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Eiler, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 9:25 p.m., to discuss pending litigation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

**RECESS**

The Municipal Council recessed at 9:25 p.m.

**RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 9:35 p.m.

**RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION**

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 10:02 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Eiler, the Council adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert  
City Clerk