

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 16, 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 Karschnick, Eiler, Nunneley and Sexton.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of July 2, 2012, and closed session of July 2, 2012, were approved as printed.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

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

1. Add item 8 (d), Attorney Report on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$774,890.78 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Michigan Municipal League 2012 Election of Workers' Compensation Fund Trustees.
3. Three Mayoral reappointments to the Downtown Development Authority

for a four (4) year term expiring July 16, 2016 – Chad Esch, Mike Maher and Missi LeFave.

4. Four Council reappointments to the Harbor Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring July 16, 2015 – Mark Upham, Chris McCoy, Steve Speaks and Ed Retherford.

Carried by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, to receive and file the Treasurer's Financial Report of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to direct the City Attorney to revise Section 86-32 of the City Code of Ordinances with the March Board of Review session revisions, as presented by the City Assessor in his memo dated July 9, 2012.

Carried by unanimous vote.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST (FOIA)

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that True North Radio and the Alpena News' written appeal due to the denial of a Freedom of Information Act request be referred to the City Attorney for a legal opinion and brought back to Council; and that a 10-day extension be requested.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to accept the

Mayor's proposed Citizen Advisory Committee to review and recommend a professional firm and method for the search and hiring of a City Manager; add Karen Hebert, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director to the committee; appoint Shawn Sexton as a representative for the City; and have the committee report back to City Council as soon as possible.

Carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-421

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, that Ordinance No. 12-421, being an Ordinance Amending Article II – Precincts, Sections 30-31 through 30-37, Inclusive by the Repeal of Same and Adoption of New Language Thereof, be adopted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM AND APPLICATION REVISIONS

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, that the Adopt-A-Park application revision as presented in the City Engineer's memo dated July 11, 2012, and the program be established.

Carried by unanimous vote.

WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY FIRM REVIEW

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Sexton, to authorize staff to begin contract negotiations with Gosling Czubek of Traverse City, Michigan to perform a water and sewer rate study.

Carried by unanimous vote.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

2012 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to approve the application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera, at a cost of \$9,500, of which 95% will be federally funded.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 8:15 p.m., to discuss attorney client privilege opinion.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 8:15 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 8:25 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:32 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, the Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk