

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 6, 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 16, 2012, and closed session of July 16, 2012, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$306,271.31 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Budget amendment to carry forward \$20,000 for MSHDA Rental Rehab Program expenses budgeted last year but not completed until current fiscal year.
3. Budget amendment to carry forward \$19,318 for a septage transfer pump budgeted last year but not delivered until current fiscal year.

Carried by unanimous vote.

NORTH RIVER DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, to table Steve Lappan's presentation on the development of a North River District until the August 20, 2012, Council Meeting.

Carried by unanimous vote.

UTILITY RATE STUDY CONSULTANT PROPOSAL

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, to approve the City Engineer's recommendation to hire the consultant team led by Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc. to perform a water and sewer rate study and review the intergovernmental agreement between the City and Township; authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City; and approve a budget amendment to fund the study at an estimated cost of between \$23,200 and \$25,700.

Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE CENTER FACILITY

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, to approve energy efficiency upgrades to include the replacement of the 400 watt metal halide hi-bay lights at the Public Works Service Center Facility at a cost of \$6,851.79 with savings incentives of 50% of value, for a net cost of \$3,425.90; funding will be used from the Public Works Construction Fund and have a payback of slightly over one year.

Carried by unanimous vote.

REVISIONS TO BEACH GROOMING LAWS

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to refer to City staff the removal of vegetation growing along the shoreline at the beaches and to look at clean up of the beach areas; and bring possible options and recommendations back to council in September.

Carried by unanimous vote.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)

US-23 RESURFACING PROJECT

Moved by Councilman Nunneley, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the City does not support Michigan Department of Transportation's elimination of on-street parking on the west side of Chisholm Street between Ninth and Eleventh Avenues and inform the businesses that could be impacted by MDOT's action that the City is not supportive of the elimination of on-street parking and provide them with a contact at MDOT.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 7:46 p.m., to discuss attorney client privilege opinions.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:46 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 7:55 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 9:10 p.m.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) APPEAL

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilman Nunneley, to request in writing that Councilman Karschnick turn over his personal email and cell phone records to search for City business if it exists.

Carried by unanimous vote.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) APPEAL

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilman Karschnick, to issue a

written notice to True North Radio and the Alpena News upholding the disclosure denial.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Waligora, Eiler, Karschnick, and Nunneley,

Nays: Sexton.

On motion of Councilman Karschnick, seconded by Councilman Eiler, the Council adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk