

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 4, 2013

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, Sexton, Nielsen, and Nowak.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of February 18, 2013, closed session of February 18, 2013, and special session of February 20, 2013, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$320,012.30 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Budget amendment to transfer \$250 from the police department to the information technology department to purchase a desktop scanner.

Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GRANT APPLICATION FOR POLICE VEHICLES

Mayor Waligora announced a Public Information Hearing on the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant application for police vehicles.

A public information notice for the City of Alpena's grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for two police cars was published in the Alpena News on February 18, 2013.

The hearing was held on March 4, 2013, at Alpena City Hall, 208 N. First Avenue, Alpena, Michigan. The Interim Police Chief gave a short presentation on the project and then citizens were given an opportunity to comment. There were no public comments and the Clerk indicated she had received no written comments. Council discussion followed with full support of the grant application.

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

NEW BRIDGE PROPOSAL TO ISLAND PARK

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, to authorize Mike Kendziorski and volunteers to provide materials and labor to construct a hand-hewn wooden covered bridge to replace the existing deteriorating structure connecting Island and Duck Park; and authorize city participation in developing new abutments and the steel superstructure.

Carried by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS

Mayor Waligora

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, to appoint Mayor Waligora to the following boards: DARE, AABR Brownfield Authority, Retirement Board, IG Communication Committee, Natural Resources Visioning Subcommittee, Chamber of Commerce, MACNE, and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments REDAC.

Carried by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS

Councilman Eiler

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Nowak, to appoint Councilman Eiler to the following boards: Alpena Area Recreation Commission, IG Air/Water Quality Committee, Policies That Move Us Forward Visioning Subcommittee, Natural Resources Visioning Subcommittee, Park Foundation, Retirement Board, and IG Recycling Committee.

Carried by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS

Councilman Sexton

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Eiler, to appoint Councilman Sexton to the following boards: City Property Committee, IG Recycling Committee, Northeast Michigan Recycling Authority, Consensus Visioning Committee, Economic Development Visioning Subcommittee, MACNE, IG Roads Committee, Thunder Bay Sanctuary Advisory, and Alpena Area Recreation Commission.

Carried by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS

Councilwoman Nielsen

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Nowak, to appoint Councilwoman Nielsen to the following boards: H.U.N.T. Board, Medical Marijuana Committee, Clear Target Market Visioning Subcommittee, Target Alpena, Building a Strong Understanding and Consensus Visioning Subcommittee, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments REDAC, and Thunder Bay Sanctuary Advisory.

Carried by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS

Councilman Nowak

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, to appoint Councilman Nowak to the following boards: IG Public Safety Committee, Clear Target Market Visioning Subcommittee, Historic District Commission, Central Dispatch Policy Committee, Policies That Move Us Forward Visioning Subcommittee, and Target Alpena.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that Resolution No. 2013-03, a resolution authorizing submission of a 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Nowak, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 8:00 p.m., to discuss attorney client privilege opinion and pending litigation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 8:10 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Eiler, the Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk