

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 15, 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 special workshop session of March 26, 2013, regular session of April 1, 2013, and closed session of April 1, 2013, were approved as printed.

MODIFICATION TO AGENDA

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that the following modification to the agenda be approved:

1. Add City Manager Search as item 10 (C).

Carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$338,190.08 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Two Mayoral appointments to the Historic District Study Committee for an undefined term (Cindy Johnson and Carol Lund).
3. One Mayoral appointment to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term expiring April 15, 2016 (Carol Lund).
4. Three Mayoral reappointments to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term expiring April 15, 2016 (Darlene Wilmot, Paul Sabourin, and Cathy Green).

5. One City Council reappointment to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring April 15, 2016 (Jessica Hatch).

Carried by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilman Sexton, to receive and file the Treasurer's Financial Report of July 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013.

Carried by unanimous vote.

SAND AND AGGREGATE

Sealed bids were received on March 12, 2013, for providing the City with sand and aggregate from Specification Stone Products, Team Elmer's, and Bedrock Contracting. Bid specifications are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Moved by Councilman Eiler, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that the bid by Specification Stone Products, for the as-bid unit prices, be accepted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

BUDGET REQUEST – HURON HUMANE SOCIETY

The Huron Humane Society's annual report and budget request, in the amount of \$14,000, for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 were presented to Council.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

The Mayor and Council discussed the City Manager search process which included:

1. Forgo the Friday night "Meet and Greet".
2. Interview on Saturday and Sunday if necessary.
3. Go into closed session on Saturday to discuss a City Manager contract.

WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY

Council discussed the Water and Sewer Rate Study. Councilman Sexton suggested:

1. ½ rate increase in ½ time.
2. Work on more equitable agreement with the township.
3. Find grant money for sewer/water improvements.
4. Methane/septage revenue streams.
5. Prioritize infrastructure projects.

City staff, with the help of the consultant, will develop some alternate plans and work with Council toward finalizing the plan by July 1, 2013.

FIBER PROJECT

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Nowak, that the installation and cost to install fiber from the Alpena County Courthouse to the intersection of Bagley and M-32 to connect to the Merit installed fiber along M-32 and for the installation of fiber from M-32 down Airport Road be shared equally with Alpena County with the City share equaling \$20,562.50.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07

Moved by Councilwoman Nielsen, seconded by Councilman Nowak, that Resolution No. 2013-07, a resolution authorizing execution of a Waterways Grant Agreement between the City of Alpena and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for emergency dredging at the Marina, be adopted; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Carried by unanimous vote.

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