

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 17, 2014

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 Sexton, Nielsen, Nowak, and Johnson.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of March 3, 2014, 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 \$236,796.73 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 3/19/17 (Karen Hebert).
3. Election Inspectors' Fees for 2014.

Carried by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, to receive and file the Treasurer's Financial Report of July 1, 2013, through February 28, 2014.

Carried by unanimous vote.

FRIENDS TOGETHER EVENT REQUEST

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that the request for the Friends Together event on June 6, 2014, be approved; and a noise variance and request to hang banners on Second Avenue Bridge be granted.

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 2014 – 2015 were presented to Council.

BUDGET REQUEST – WILDLIFE SANCTUARY BOARD

The Wildlife Sanctuary Board's annual report and budget request, in the amount of \$4,200, for fiscal year 2014 – 2015 were presented to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that Resolution No. 2014-02, a resolution adopting the 2014 Alpena County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which outlines options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural resources, be adopted; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CITY CONCRETE PROGRAM

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Nowak, to approve a one year contract renewal with Bedrock Contracting, with a 1.6% inflationary increase. The 2014 property owner cost for sidewalk replacement will be established at \$2.07, a \$0.03 increase over the 2013 rate.

Carried by unanimous vote.

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

Moved by Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, to adopt funding scenario 2B; as presented by the City Manager and City Engineer, a 2-year phase in of commodity charge and ready-to-serve fees, with existing quarterly billing remaining in place.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Nowak and Sexton.

Nays: Johnson, Nielsen and Waligora.

Motion failed.

Moved by Councilwoman Nielsen, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, to adopt funding scenario 1B; as presented by the City Manager and City Engineer, a 2-year phase in of commodity charge increase, with existing ready-to-serve fees and quarterly billing remaining in place.

Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Johnson, Nielsen, Sexton and Waligora.

Nays: Nowak.

The adopted increase will go into effect on May 1, 2014.

On motion of Councilman Nowak, seconded by Councilman Sexton, the Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk