

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 15, 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, and Johnson.

Absent: Councilmember Nowak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of September 2, 2014, closed session of September 2, 2014, and special session of September 4, 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 \$156,090.02 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. One Mayoral appointment to the Downtown Development Authority for a four-year unexpired term expiring August 1, 2018 (Matt Wojda).
3. Support of Art in the Loft's application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a liquor license.

Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSE-OUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

109 N. SECOND AVENUE BUILDING

Mayor Waligora announced a Public Hearing to close-out the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 109 N. Second Avenue building.

Adam Poll, Director of Planning and Development, presented a report and stated that the City in conjunction with the Center Building, LLC and The Fresh Palate, LLC had received a CDBG Façade Grant from the MEDC for \$77,890 to replace a number of windows on the building that had been removed or boarded up and install a NanaWall system along the storefront. The DDA was able to assist by providing a local façade grant totaling \$10,000 and The Center Building, the Fresh Palate and Art in the Loft provided \$94,210 in private investment for the project. The Fresh Palate has already created the required four full-time equivalent positions required to obtain the grant. Overall, the project was a tremendous success, increasing the vitality and appearance of our downtown while creating jobs in the process.

The public comment period was opened. There was no public comment.

The City Clerk indicated that no written comments had been received. The public comment period was closed and the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed. The Council's response to the project was very favorable.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

FAÇADE BUILDING GRANT

Moved by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, that the CDBG Façade Building Grant (MSC 211000-CDF) for the 109 N. Second Avenue Building be closed-out.

Carried by unanimous vote.

WOODWARD TRAILHEAD DESIGN SERVICES PROPOSAL

Moved by Councilwoman Nielsen, seconded by Councilman Sexton, that the Woodward Trailhead Design Services Proposal by UP Engineers & Architects, at a cost not to exceed \$14,500, be approved.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilwoman Nielsen, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 7:20 p.m., to discuss pending litigation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:20 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 7:30 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:20 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen, the Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk