

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 18, 2017

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in regular session at City Hall on the above date and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Councilmembers Nowak, Johnson, Sexton, and Nielsen.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, that the following modification to the agenda be approved.

1. Remove Item 12.A. – Valerie Williams, Housing & Client Services Director for Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), presenting on the Homeless Point in Time Survey. - Valerie Williams will present at a later date.

Carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of December 4, 2017, and the closed session of December 4, 2017, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, that the following Consent Agenda item be approved:

1. Bills Allowed – in the Amount of \$299,534.48 be Allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk Authorized to Sign Warrant in Payment of Same.

Carried by unanimous vote.

UPDATE ON STATE REGULATORY ISSUES REGARDING MEDICAL MARIHUANA

Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director, presented some updates in the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act Emergency Rules. The application process requires proof of the updated ordinance and the signature of the City Clerk. Adam commented that there are updated rules regarding the facility plan which give municipalities the ability to regulate the signage and requires video surveillance. Some of the language is unclear and potentially conflicting. Adam noted that warrantless searches are only allowed by Michigan State Police (MSP), but local police may examine the facility at any time. The product container for medical marihuana is required to be labeled. The rules are temporary and only good for six months.

Don Gilmet, City Building Official, discussed the possibility of these facilities obtaining an agricultural exemption. These facilities may be exempt from building codes and could be unsafe. He also noted that the new rules are not definitive.

Matt Waligora, City Mayor, advised Adam Poll to meet with the Medical Marihuana Committee to give their recommendations. Adam will give an update after they meet in January.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORKS - PERFORMANCE LOCKER AND STATE AVENUE

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to allow Travis Montie to light off fireworks near Performance Locker, on New Year's Day, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Carried by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss Water and Sewer Litigation.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 6:34 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 6:43 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, the Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk