

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 3, 2021

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

Present: Mayor Waligora, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilmembers Nowak, Hess, and Mitchell.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of April 19, 2021, and special sessions of April 20, 2021, and April 29, 2021 were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- A. Bills Allowed – in the Amount of \$152,742.46 be Allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk Authorized to Sign Warrant in Payment of Same.
- B. Council Reappointment of Ed Rutherford to the Harbor Advisory Committee for a Three-Year Term Expiring on May 1, 2024.
- C. Correct the February 17, 2021 Special Session Minutes to Change the word “Regular” to “Special” in the First Sentence.
- D. Spirit of the Blues Request for a Noise Variance from 10 p.m. – 12 a.m. on June 19, 2021 and a Street Closure from 8 p.m. on June 18, 2021 to 12 p.m. on June 20, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Waligora proclaimed May 2021 as Older Americans Month in the City of Alpena.

2021 – 22 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, to receive and file the 2021-2022 preliminary budget.

Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION WORKERS WAGES

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, to approve the request of City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director, Anna Soik, for an increase of 2% for all election inspectors, deputies, and chairpersons.

Motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY GRANITE GARDENS

Members of the Granite Gardens group presented an update of their activities in Evergreen Cemetery and will continue to work with City staff on the project.

ORDINANCE 21-458

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hess, to approve Ordinance 21-458, an ordinance amending Chapter 50 – Nuisances, by the addition of Section 50-5 – Fire Damaged Structures.

Motion carried 5-0.

WATER AND SEWER RATES

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve Water and Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022.

Motion carried 5-0.

DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS

City Engineer, Rich Sullenger, presented information to the Council on delinquent water and sewer accounts. He stated that as long as the customer is current with ongoing quarterly billings and develops a payment plan for the unpaid balance, then the water service will remain turned on.

RESOLUTION 2021-10

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to approve Resolution 2021-10, a resolution authorizing the United States Department of Agriculture to implement the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures for mute swan nest and egg destruction at the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary.

Motion carried 5-0.

USE POLICY FOR CITY PROPERTIES AND PARKS

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to postpone a decision to update the Use Policy for City of Alpena Owned or Controlled Properties and Parks to the May 17, 2021 Municipal Council meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:37 p.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, to reconvene in closed session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss water and sewer litigation and an update regarding proposed litigation with the Alpena Prototype Biorefinery, LLC, American Process, Inc., and GranBio LLC.

Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

On motion of Councilman Nowak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, the Municipal Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Matthew Waligora
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Soik
City Clerk