

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 7, 2016

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 Nielsen, Nowak, Sexton and Johnson.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular session of February 15, 2016, and the special session of February 25, 2016, were approved as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

1. Bills Allowed – in the amount of \$177,699.04 be allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign warrants in payment of same.
2. Request from Natures Kingdom Wildlife Rehab to be recognized as a non-profit organization in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.
3. Budget Amendment to pay the 2014 DPI Tax Tribunal of \$4,455 from fund balance.

Carried by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT NO. 18

PURCHASES AND SALES

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the proposed changes to Council Policy Statement No. 18, Purchases and Sales, be approved.

Carried by unanimous vote.

ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS FOR TAX ABATEMENTS

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, that the annual reports of capital investment and employment for the six firms currently receiving tax abatements; ATI Casting, Alro Steel, Dean Arbour Ford, Douville Johnston, David Kneeshaw, and Alpena Lodging, be received and filed.

Carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO 16-434

Ordinance No. 16-434, being an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alpena by adding Building Code, Section 14-31 - Agency designated to Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations to Article II. – Building Code of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alpena, was given its first presentment (reading) by the City Attorney.

CITY WIDE BOILER INSPECTIONS

The following sealed bids were received February 8, 2016, for the City Wide Boiler Inspections.

Lakeshore Plumbing & Heating	\$910
Weinkauf Plumbing & Heating	\$710

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, that City Council approve a three-year contract for the City Wide Boiler Inspection for the Alpena City Hall Building, Alpena Public Safety Building, Second Avenue Bridge, Waste Water Treatment Plant Mechanical Room, Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Area, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Backup Boiler with Weinkauf Plumbing & Heating for the as bid rate of \$710 annually.

Carried by unanimous vote.

COUNTY AMBULANCE BIDS

The following sealed bids were received January 26, 2016, for the purchase of a new county-funded ambulance, following the Federal ambulance standard KKK-A-18822F safety specifications requiring all new ambulances to be equipped with a special cot retaining system.

Kodiak Emergency Vehicles	\$185,910
Emergency Vehicle Plus	\$123,667
Mercy Sales	\$175,000

Moved by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the City disqualify Emergency Vehicle Plus as not meeting the published specifications, and award the Ambulance Bid to Mercy Sales, for the purchase price of \$175,000 which meets all federal ambulance standards.

Carried by unanimous vote.

THUNDER BAY FILM SOCIETY

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, that the City approve the request by Thunder Bay Film Society to host Friday night movies, titled "Summer Movies by the Bay" at the Bay View Park City Band Shell to be held every other Friday evening beginning June 3, 2016, and ending September 9, 2016, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., the Municipal Council also approved a noise variance from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and to waive the \$200 deposit. Approval was also given to reserve the alternate Friday nights in case of inclement weather.

Carried by unanimous vote.

BUDGET REQUEST

MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE NORTHEAST (MACNE)

Tim Kuehnlein, Michigan Arts and Culture Northeast Board President, presented the MACNE 2016-2017 budget, he presented an informational report on the 2015 Lake Huron Discovery Tour, which showcased the abundant natural, cultural and recreational treasures along Highway US-23; he thanked the Council for their support with this event. He explained that their website, heritage23.com, went up by 20,228 page views and 10,764 sessions over the past year, due to the local support. He also requested the consideration of a \$5,000 contribution for the 2016 Lake Huron Discovery Tour.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Municipal Council adjourn to a closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss current labor negotiations with Fire/Ambulance Union.

Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

The Municipal Council recessed at 7:45 p.m.

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Council reconvened in closed session at 7:53 p.m.

RECONVENE – OPEN SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that Municipal Council reconvened in open session at 8:41 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the

Municipal Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk