

**PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 18, 2022**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Little called the regular meeting of the Pinconning City Council to order at 5:00pm.*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Little.*

**3. ROLL CALL:**

***Present: Kuehne, Little, LaPorte, Ford***

*A motion was made by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to excuse the absences of Boettcher, Morris and Chant due to previous engagements. All yeas, motion carried.*

***Also present:***

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*

*Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer*

*Jessica View, City Clerk*

*Craig Barnt, Pinconning Journal*

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:**

*Mayor Little thanked Amy Bromberg for the wonderful job she did on the flower beds. They look beautiful. He wanted to express his gratitude to Jeff and Kristen Ingersoll for the 150<sup>th</sup> plate that was given to the city and, he reinforced the following and enforcing of the Blight and Noxious Weed ordinances.*

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*A motion by Ford, seconded by LaPorte to approve the agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting ~~July~~<sup>June</sup> 18, 2022. All yeas, motion carried.*

*A motion was made by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting June 27, 2022, with the changes of the comments of Chris Kuehne. All yeas, motion carried.*

**7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

*A motion by Council Member LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to approve the monthly bills totaling \$84,685.88 as presented. Roll call taken, all yeas, motion carried.*

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*A motion was made by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to accept the Treasurer's Memorandum report as presented. Roll call taken, all yeas, motion carried.*

*Mayor Little stated the NBA board will meet tomorrow, July 18, 2022, at 6:00pm. He also noted the Fire Board is deciding on a chief at the July 21, 2022, meeting.*

**9. PRESENTATIONS:**

*None.*

**10. OLD BUSINESS:**

***A. River Walk Clean up Report***

*This item is an agenda suggestion from Boettcher and Ford. A committee was reformed with Council Members Kuehne, Morris and LaPorte. Both Kuehne and Ford has some good ideas regarding benches, trash cans, picnic tables and privacy fences. The next steps will be start with the easy and low-cost items first like removing weeds, branches and sprucing up the trail.*

***B. Battle on the Block Committee Report***

*The committee consisting of Mayor Little, Boettcher and Chant discussed the plans of the block party. The plans include a band, 7 food trucks, inflatables for the kids, face painting, and decorations. This event also coincides with the citywide garage sales as well. All plans are in place for the party on Saturday and everyone is looking forward to an enjoyable event.*

***C. Sludge Storage agreement proposal with the Tribe***

*City Manager Lakin approached the Tribe with the City's final offer of 19 cents for sludge removal. The cost to use Bay City's facility is 20 cents. This figure is still low considering the risk and the equipment use. The Tribe indicated it would get back with us shortly regarding a definite decision.*

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

***A. Resolution #2022-11 -Resolution to allow Golf Carts in the City limits of Pinconning***

*This resolution allows for the limited use of golf carts in the City of Pinconning. Due to an amendment of Public Act 491 in 2014, municipalities can allow golf carts in the city limits. There are a few residents that*

have these and now they are allowed with limited restrictions. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Ford to approve the resolution regarding golf carts. All yeas, motion carried.

**B. Resolution #2022-12- Resolution Approving the closing of Investment CD as a result of the sale of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds**

This resolution allows for the approval of the Treasurer to cash out the investment CD as a result in refinancing the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. This CD held some of the reserve money that was required through Rural Development. The city will now be refinancing these bonds with Huron Community Bank. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to approve Resolution #2022-12 Approval to cash investment CD. Roll call taken, all yeas. Motion carried.

**C. Resolution #2022-13 – Resolution Approving the transfer of CD monies to Common Sewer Cash Account to allow the spending of these monies on the refinancing of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds**

This resolution allows the Treasurer to transfer the monies from the CD to the common sewer cash account and spend monies on the refinancing of the Revenue Bonds with Huron Community Bank. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to approve Resolution 2022-13- Resolution approving the transfer of CD monies to the common sewer cash account. Roll call taken, all yeas, motion carried.

**D. Amendment to Ordinance #98- ORV Ordinance**

This Ordinance was amended last year, but new information has come to light which allows the city to change things. This past year several roads have been damaged to the recklessness of these vehicles. The noise Ordinance has been broken by a few select residents and overall disturbances of the peace. The city has opted to only allow UTV or side by sides in the city. ORV and ATV's will no longer be allowed on city streets upon publication of this ordinance. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by LaPorte, seconded by Ford to adopt the Amended Ordinance #98-ORV Ordinance. All yeas, motion carried.

**E. Adoption of Ordinance 22-01- Ordinance authorizing Issuance and Sale of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds**

The city has been in the process of refinancing the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds for the past 10 were months. We were finally able to get a bank offer with a 10% savings, a \$10,000 a year savings and 3 years off the loan. The city is going to be putting in \$210,000 toward the financing. After a brief discussion, a motion by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to adopt Ordinance #22-01 authorizing the issuance and sale of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. Roll call taken; all yeas motion carried.

**F. Approval of the use of the Bandshell August 17, 2022, from 5:00-8:00pm by the Northern Bay County Fund**

The Northern Bay County Fund requested permission for the use of the Bandshell on August 17, 2022, from 5:00-8:00pm for Santa Paws. Santa Paws is a photo op for pets and family Christmas pictures. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Ford to approve the request. All yeas, motion carried.

### **G. Approval of removing the Special Assessment for Holy Trinity Parish of Pinconning**

*This request was made by the Treasurer regarding Parcel #180-P10-001-00 Holy Trinity Church. The request was to remove the special assessment of \$60.00. The Money was for the NBA. Our Ordinance states vacant property is not responsible for special assessments. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Ford to approve the removal of special assessment. Roll call taken, all yeas, motion carried.*

### **H. Discussion regarding Stop Sign on Water Street**

*Council Member Kuehne indicated the Stop Sign placed at Water Street and North Street was not a permanent sign. This sign was placed a few years ago as a trial to see if this would deter people from speeding down Water Street. As a temporary sign, it can only be placed for 30 days. Council decided to make this a permanent sign and will have Manager investigate how to do so. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to approve permanent stop sign. All yeas, motion carried.*

### **I. Discussion regarding water bill reduction at 705 Kaiser Street**

*The owner of 705 Kaiser Street asked to put this request on the agenda. She wanted council to give her a reduction on her water bill so she would be able to turn service on for the new renter. The water has been shut off for over 9 months due to non-payment from her tenants. The homeowner was aware of the situation but apparently believed the water bill followed the tenant. The Ordinance states the water bill remains with the property owner. A large amount of the bill has been placed on the taxes leaving approximately \$192.00. She was asking for some form of relief so the new tenant could move in more quickly. City Council unanimously agreed not to give a reduction in the bill. Motion by LaPorte, seconded by Ford to deny relief. Roll call taken, all yeas, motion carried.*

### **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Craig Barnt, Pinconning Journal, indicated he believed the Stop Sign as it stands now on the concrete base is illegal and we need to check with MDOT or Bay County Road Commission on how to permanently place the sign. He also asked what the amount of the remaining monies from the CD and other accounts would be going into the Sewer Fund.*

*Lisa Little, 309 E. Second Street expressed her gratitude for the banning of ORV and ATV in the city. She also commented on checking with the city's insurance company regarding liability with the allowing of golf carts and side by sides. She also felt the city was losing money and/or not receiving monies from water bills being put on taxes.*

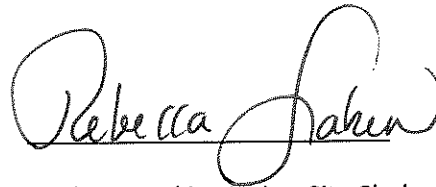
*Patrick Johnson, 304 W. Third Street, asked if since the city is refinancing the bonds, would this decrease water bill.*

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager/Citizen, read a statement to Council regarding the Pinconning Journal Issue June 22, 2022. She wanted to let Council know all the facts relating to the claim of fraud that was indicated. She explained the grant reserves and the city has and that she, representing the city, would*

*never purposely commit fraud and she is serious about the oath she took to represent the city and its residents.*

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

*With nothing further to address, a motion was made by LaPorte, seconded by Kuehne to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:33pm. All yeas, motion carried.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Lakin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

*Rebecca Lakin, Acting City Clerk*