

PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Boettcher called the regular meeting of the Pinconning City Council to order at 5:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Boettcher.

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Boetefuer, Kuehne, Lesniak, Wiess, Mayor Boettcher

A motion was made by Wiess, seconded by Lesniak to excuse Council Members Chant and Johnson due to work commitments. 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 Boettcher stated she had no further comment except what has been stated in the monthly comments.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Boettcher requested approval to remove approval of the bills and approval of the minutes to be removed from the consent agenda and to add Item E. Staff Appreciation Lunch. A motion was made by Kuehne, seconded by Wiess to approve the agenda with the corrections. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

After discussion was held, a motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Wiess to approve the minutes from August 21, 2023, with the corrections stated as follows: It is to be noted when Council Member Kuehne abstained from voting for the August bills, his vote should have remained abstain and not asked to vote again and change his vote. Boetefuer cited OMA stating abstain means the same as a no vote and the motion did not carry. She also wanted it noted Mayor Boettcher had an outburst and was irritated when new agenda items were being added. All yeas, motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Wiess, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the monthly bills in the total of \$88,542.37. Roll call taken: Wiess, YES, Boetefuer YES, Lesniak YES, Kuehne ABSTAIN, Mayor Boettcher YES Motion carried.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Bromberg presented the council with budget amendments. After discussion, a motion was made by Kuehne, seconded by Wiess to approve the presented amendments. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

Ben Ramsey spoke regarding the Fire Board Meeting indicating they received a FEMA grant of over \$900,000.00 for an aerial truck. This truck will be completed and available in 2024 and they also approved a Cadet program for all of the entities. He indicated he would be asking for resolutions for approval from the entities.

Mayor Boettcher stated the DDA meeting was business as usual, and City Manager Lakin stated the NBA meeting is September 21, 2023.

9. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sale of City property 726 4th Street

City Manager Lakin updated the council on the progress of the sale. She indicated no one has submitted a bid as of yet. She also apologized for not hearing the request to place a For Sale sign on the empty lot and indicated she would add one on Tuesday. She reminded them the bid opening is October 2, 2023, at 2:00pm.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution #2023-05- A Resolution to approve entering into an agreement with the Bay County Clerk to operate a joint early voting site and allow the City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City of Pinconning

Election legislation passed Public Act #81 of 2023 which coincides with Proposal 2022-02. This act is in regard to the 9 day early voting requirements. This resolution allows for jurisdictions to consolidate voting precincts for this 9-day period and allows for cost sharing. The 9-day venture would be over \$1,200,000.00 per precinct as opposed to consolidation costs of the county of \$215,000.00. The cost share for each jurisdiction would be equal to \$8,024.00. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Wiess to approve Resolution #2023-05. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

B. Approval of Resolution 2023-06 – A Resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of property transfer affidavits under MCL 211.27B

Discussion was held regarding adopting a resolution to waive fines for late submissions of property transfer affidavits. The owners have 45 days to file transfer of ownership to the appropriate assessing office. Some municipalities choose to fine their residents if they exceed this notice date. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve Resolution #2023-06 which states no penalties. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

C. Update on School Resource Officer for Pinconning Schools

Discussion was held regarding the outcome of the negotiations with Pinconning School and Pinconning Police Department for the School Resource Officer. The City Council was given the proposal the city presented a few weeks earlier with the details of what the city could offer the school for a part-time officer (20 hours) and a full-time officer (40 hours). Unfortunately, the school decided to go with county coverage this year even though the city's quote was \$15,000.00 less. The vote was close with a 4-3 margin. The police officers are very disappointed to not be able to give these kids their time and attention.

D. Painting of lines on newly paved streets and parking areas

The city was able to complete some much-needed road improvements this summer but unfortunately, curbing, line striping and parking spot markings were not able to be in the budget. Summer help was able to complete a lot of the curbing projects downtown but the cost for striping and markings exceeded \$7,000.00. The goal is to try to see if the city employees can possibly do some small projects and possibly be able to include the remaining costs in next year's budget.

E. Staff Appreciation Lunch

Council Member Kuehne requested several months ago that he wanted to do something nice for the staff in appreciation for all of the hard work they do. Gift cards were suggested and then replaced with the idea of a staff lunch. This item was tabled prior and now it has been added to this agenda. After discussion, it was decided to be tabled at this time. City Manager Lakin indicated this was not necessary and did not want to impose on any or all of the council members. She indicated this event does not need to happen at this point in time.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carole Maida stated she thought Mayor Boettcher should appoint committees within the council so that these items that they are speaking about would not take up monthly business and can be eliminated.

Mary Jo Bender inquired about who she would send a FOIA to in the city.

Mike Stoner from the Rotary Club offered the services of Connie DeFord for a seminar regarding parliamentary law. He felt with a new council this would be a great learning opportunity with a very educated presenter. He asked for dates from the council to set up an event date.

Craig Barnt reminded the Council Members Lesniak and Boetefuer that when they talk about "putting their heads together" to remember 4 people equal a quorum and an open meeting.

Amy Bromberg discussed and clarified the negotiation process for the SRO officer. She reiterated that the city council has been aware of these correspondences through weekly updates from the city manager.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Wiess to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:34pm. All yeas, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Lakin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rebecca Lakin, City Clerk