

PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 19, 2025

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, Bleshenski, Wiess, Johnson, Lesniak, Chant, Mayor Boettcher

Also present:

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

Jessica View, City Clerk

Craig Barnt, Editor of Pinconning Journal

4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the agenda. All yeas, motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting April 21, 2025, and the Special Meeting April 31, 2025. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the monthly bills in total of \$194,099.88. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Boettcher indicated a few council members were present for the DDA meeting and the DDA budget would be discussed during the presentation section of the agenda.

City Council Member Chant reported on the Fireboard meeting. She indicated discussions were held regarding the tribal grants, the day coverage firemen, the date of arrival of the aerial truck and the new continuing education requirements.

PRESENTATION:

Brian Saha, the chairman of the DDA, explained and discussed the 2025/2026 DDA budget. He explained the history and the accomplishments of the DDA to date and the impact it has on the businesses. Several DDA members commented, and the city council members engaged with good questions regarding specific budget line items. After a very lengthy discussion a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the 2025/2026 DDA budget as presented. Before the motion was taken, the City Manager informed two council members, Robin Wiess and Becky Lesniak, that they could not vote on the motion due to a conflict of interest. The City Manager said the decision was based on the opinion of the City's legal counsel, Richard Sheppard from Smith and Brooker, P. C., in a letter dated May 19, 2025. It was for that reason the two council members were directed to abstain, which they did. Roll call: Wiess and Lesniak both **Abstain**, Chant, Bleshenski, Boetefuer, Johnson and Mayor Boettcher **YEA, motion carried**.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Whitney commented on events June 14 and July 12 for car shows coming to Standish.

Craig Barnt stated that the DDA captures its monies from the commercial properties in the city and not from residential homeowners.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Blight/Camper issues and ideas

Last month this item was tabled so the city council can seek more information regarding how to handle these issues. City Manager Lakin asked for directions on how to proceed. After a discussion, it was decided Lakin will bring back to the city council next month amendments to the Blight Ordinance and a new ordinance for campers and unlicensed vehicles.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of the Treasurer to open a new checking account for just Community Events and Donations

The purpose of this account is to establish a single, separate checking account that will be used only for monies, grants and donations for community events. This is a better way for the council to see the activities of the monies going in and coming out for these events. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the opening of this account. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

B. Approval of Resolution #2025-07 A resolution to approve the Ballot Proposal regarding Public Safety Renewal

This resolution allows the city to put on the November 2025 ballot a request to renew the Public Safety Millage that will expire in 2025. This millage will be a three (3) year millage to provide funding for the purpose of public safety services which includes police and fire. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Johnson to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer Johnson to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:56 pm. All yeas, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca Lakin", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager