

**PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 20, 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:**

*A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Bleshenski to excuse Council Member Johnson for work and Council Members Wiess and Chant for illness. All yeas, motion carried.*

*Present: Bleshenski, Boetefuer, Lesniak, Mayor Boettcher*

*Also present:*

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*

*Jessica View, City Clerk*

*Craig Barnt, Editor of Pinconning Journal*

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:**

*The mayor commented on the success of the Trunk or Treat and Haunted Mansion events. She thanked all the generous donators and contributors and a big shout out to Sarah Cloutier for her mastermind ideas and props.*

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Mayor Boettcher added Fleis and Vandenbrink under presentation regarding the grants the city received and new options. She also stated Top Priority Taxidermy will also be removed from presentation to item B under New Business. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the amended agenda. All yeas, motion carried.*

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the Regular City Council Meeting on September 15, 2025, as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.*

## **7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

*A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the bills for October in the amount of \$137,368.04. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.*

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

*Treasurer Bromberg was not present at the meeting due to personal obligations, and the council had no further questions.*

*Becky Lesniak attended the DDA meeting and said standard business was held.*

*There was no fireboard meeting for the month of September.*

*Council Member Bleshenski indicated the Planning Commission had a meeting a few weeks ago and brought to the council the recommendation of allowing Top Priority Taxidermy to proceed with the Special Use requirements.*

## **9. PRESENTATIONS:**

*Fleis and Vandenbrink presented a new option for DWSRF, CWSRF and Lead Line Replacement Services.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Chris Kuehne, Al Piechowiak, Dan Kiley, Carole Maida, Dennis Whitney, Jeff Phinney, Gloria Purtell, and Barb Bennett spoke in Public Comment.*

## **11. OLD BUSINESS:**

*None*

## **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

### ***A. Discussion and decision regarding moving forward or declining the grant funding and loans for the DWSRF, CWSRF and Lead line replacement projects***

*A workshop was held on September 14 to review some options regarding water, sewer and lead line replacement projects. EGLE awarded the city a \$10,500,000.00 grant for water with an 18% forgiveness grant, a \$10,400,000.00 grant for sewer with an 11% forgiveness grant and a lead*

line replacement service project of \$390,000.00 with a 50% forgiveness grant. The remaining monies can be financed for 40 years with a 2% interest rate. At approximately 3:00pm today, Fleis and Vandenbrink presented an alternative, more cost-effective option to present to council. This proposal included a looping option, lead line replacement and 2 major water line areas in the city that have been habitual problems. The cost of these items only was a significant reduction from what was introduced the week prior and definitely more affordable for the residents. The estimated total cost of the new projects to the residents would be reduced from approximately \$45.00 a quarter to \$14.19 a quarter. The council did ask for resident input from the audience to help them make the decision.

A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Lesniak to approve the DWSRF system improvements as recommended as priority in line items A, B and C. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

A second motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Lesniak to decline funding for the CWSRF projects listed as items 1 and 2. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

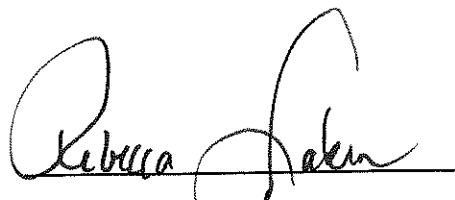
A third motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the Lead service line replacements as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**B. Approval to proceed with the next steps of Top Priority Taxidermy**

Jared Anthony, owner of Top Priority Taxidermy, presented his plan for a home occupation to the Planning Commission at their September meeting. The Planning Commission has approved his plan, and the next step is to bring the request to the City Council. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Boetefuer to have Top Priority Taxidermy proceed with the next steps of a special use permit/home occupation permit. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Bleshenski to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:15 pm. All yeas, motion carried.



Rebecca Lakin, City Manager