PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2026

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Boetefuer to excuse Council Member Johnson and Lesniak for work responsibilities and health issues. All yeas, motion carried.

Present: Bleshenski, Piechowiak, Boetefuer, Ramsay, and Mayor Boettcher

Also present:

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer

Rachel LeFever, City Clerk

Autumn Bellor, Pinconning Journal

3. OPENING CEREMONY:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Boettcher.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:

None.

Chief Nieten asked to speak and voiced his appreciation to the council and the community for their support in the passing of the Public Safety Millage.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Boettcher noted changes to the current agenda which included the cancellation of Republic Services for the presentation item and to add the Clerk's Report. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the agenda with the subtraction/addition as presented. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Piechowiak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026. Roll Call: All yeas, motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Piechowiak to approve the bills for August in the amount of $25,622.53. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

Council Member Piechowiak interjected with the thoughts of opening the office on the Fridays before the council meeting.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Treasurer Bromberg began her report by firstly apologizing for the financials being later than normal due to a printer issue. She started with her concerns on specific budget items such as attorney fees and tools and supplies. With just 2 months into the new fiscal year, attorney fees are exceeding ½ of the budgeted amount. This is a cause of the ongoing court cases that have yet to be resolved but with a continued pace of this amount, the budget item will quickly be submitted to a deficit. With this being said, she also inquired about the city's Civil Infraction Ordinance. This may be a way the city can go to court without the primary use of the attorney. City Manager Lakin stated she would be discussing options with the attorney that also include mediation and/or small claims possibilities along with the Civil Infraction Ordinance. Member Piechowiak inquired about donations to the general fund from business sponsors and Bromberg indicated that governments have different rules regarding this idea, but she can address it with the auditor. Bromberg felt it would be a good idea and asked the mayor to appoint a Finance and Personnel Committee who would meet and discuss the budget on a more regular basis than just once a month. A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Ramsay to approve the establishment of the Finance and Personnel Committee. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried. The committee, at this time, will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 11:00am, beginning August 19 with members Piechowiak and Boetefuer and open to the public. She touched on the resolution for the turn-on and turn off fees and how unclear the language is and not wanting to overcharge the residents. This concern will be discussed more thoroughly as Agenda Item B In New Business.

Bromberg also noted August 17 (today) is the last day to pay taxes without penalties. An additional 2% fee will be added to all payments received on or after August 18, 2026. She also made note of the 2 items at their desk regarding a quote for BS&A fees for future cloud use for

all of the city's software applications. BS&A is moving, and already operating, as a cloud-based system and in the near future all municipalities will be needed to upgrade in order to be compatible with the county's software and updates. She also commented on the letter that was sent to all of the residents who have not yet scheduled their meter changes.

Council Member Boetefuer spoke regarding the DDA meeting held August 5. She noted the Community Building had a fire inspection and fire alarms were generously donated from Northwood's Wholesale Outlet. A new step was needed for the back door near the tennis courts, and the possibility of a new directional sign for Downtown was mentioned that would be displayed on the corner of Third Street near United Bay Credit Union. A meeting was held for a possible Consumer's Power lighting grant, but Council Member Piechowiak indicated they probably did not qualify. They also decided to keep Pinconning Township as their Treasurer on a month-to-month basis. Mayor Boettcher indicated they have a budget amount of $3,000.00 to spend on this service.

Council Member Piechowiak indicated he attended the Fireboard Meeting, and the Public Safety Millage was discussed, and Council Member Ramsay noted the tanker will be back in operation as early as next week.

Council Member Bleshenski noted no Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for last month.

City Manager Lakin updated the council on blight activity and the success of the officers delivering the notices. She indicated 3 major properties are in a blighted condition now requiring fines as the next step. She stated she will be discussing solutions with the attorney at their court hearing on Wednesday. Grass violations seemed to be addressed in a timely manner. On the issue of blight, Council Member Piechowiak also indicated the pile of railroad ties and the concerns of its appearance. He has been actively seeking a response from Lake State Railroad and has reached out to MDOT, Senator Slotkin's office and Jim Barcia. He is frustrated and seeking answers.

Clerk LeFever spoke regarding the primary election held on August 4. She stated the Public Safety millage passed and there were some issues with absentee ballots. LeFever indicated she will be seeking additional training to correct these issues. She supplied the council with blight spreadsheets and stated she would send them updated sheets on a weekly basis with color coding to define the violations.

9. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Majdecki and Chris Kuehne spoke in Public Comment.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Standish Township Letter (See New Business)

12.NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of the Resolution #2026-13- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager and a member(s) to act on behalf of the city for litigation regarding NBA and Pinconning Township

This resolution is for approval of the City Manager and a member(s) of city council to attend the mediation scheduled for September 10 in Plymouth. Meditation is a step recommended to try to resolve the lawsuit before a trial. A motion was made by Piechowiak, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the City Manager and Council Member Boetefuer to act on behalf of the city for litigation regarding NBA and Pinconning Township. Roll call: Ramsay ***ABSTAIN,*** *Council Members, Boetefuer, Bleshenski, Piechowiak, Mayor Boettcher* ***YEA Motion carried.***

B. Approval of Amendment to Resolution #2026-05- Establishing Water Service Turn-on and turn-off fees for delinquent water accounts

An amendment was presented to correct the language in the first ***WHEREAS*** *paragraph to exclude vacant lots, properties that do not have meters and /or only charged ready to serve fees. After a lengthy discussion regarding the unclear language of the overall resolution and the charges, a motion was made by Piechowiak, seconded by Bleshenski to formally eliminate Resolution #2026-05 and proposed amendment and to refer back to the old policy. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried. Council Member Ramsay suggested a 2-week warning letter be sent to the affected residents for shut offs.*

C. Discussion and possible approval to sell city property parcel#180-023-300-590-00.

Jeff and Kristin Vanness inquired about buying parcel# 180-023-300-590-00. This parcel owned by the city has been maintained by Vanness's for over 10 years. The assessor noted this is a landlocked parcel located in a flooded area. He also spoke of the taxable value and the need for the resident to not even purchase this property. His recommendation is for the city to sell it and get a tax base. The offer of $1500.00 was presented. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Ramsay to sell parcel# 180-023-300-590-00 to Jeff and Kristin

Vanness for the price of $1500.00 including all closing costs and any other fees associated with the sale. Roll call: ***Piechowiak ABSTAIN*** *Boetefuer, Bleshenski, Ramsay, Mayor Boettcher* ***YEA Motion carried.***

D. Tubular Metal Systems Discussion

A representative from Pinconning Partner's LLC, the current owners of Tubular Metal Systems, is offering to give Pinconning City the building and property and to pay the 2026 Summer and Winter taxes. If the city owns the property and does not have it sold by December 31, 2026, the property can be moved to exempt status. This means the city will not be required to pay any of the property taxes for 2027, but no revenue is generated. City Manager Lakin inquired about an appraisal. The assessor said one was not completed by the owner and probably would not be an option due to cost. A suggestion for a market analysis was raised as a possibility due to a lower cost. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Piechowiak, seconded by Boetefuer to table this item until the September meeting and the City Manager to look into a market analysis for the property. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

E. Standish Township Discussion

An update was provided to the council via confidential letters from the city's attorney and Standish Township attorneys. The city is awaiting documents from Standish Township regarding the application and approval of a lagoon. The city's attorney will notify the City Manager as soon as a response is received and with what steps to proceed.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Piechowiak, seconded by Bleshenski to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:20pm. All yeas, motion carried.

Rebecca Lakin

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager