

PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 16, 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 Johnson, seconded by Bleshenski to excuse Council Member Lesniak, for family issues and Council Member Ramsay for work issues. All yeas, motion carried.

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

Also present:

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer

Autumn Bellor, Pinconning Journal

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Boettcher.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:

Mayor Boettcher shared that Officer Willis received an award from the Detroit Police Chief for his recognition of a life saving event. We are so proud to have Officer Willis on our team!! Job well done!

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call: All yeas, motion carried*

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Piechowiak, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 19 and the Special Meeting March 3, 2026, as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the bills for March in the amount of \$ 65,272.79. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Bromberg stated taxes now need to be paid at the county building. She asked the council if they would like to have a Budget Workshop and they indicated if they had any questions, they would come in and ask specific questions if needed. Amy indicated she would have a draft copy of the budget ready in the next few weeks.

Mayor Boettcher stated she attended the DDA meeting and so did Council Member Boetefuer. The DDA attorney Kevin Kilby presented and explained that the DDA did over capture funds and these amounts will need to be returned when a definite number has been established. Mayor Boettcher indicated she was disappointed with the lack of respect shown by the chairman as she was referred to as "her" and not by name. Council Member Boetefuer also spoke regarding a request she made on behalf of Community Clothing. She asked if it was possible to store some of the large clothing donations in the basement of the community building. She was informed that nothing flammable should be stored in the basement due to no fire suppression system, so that request could not be honored. Council Member Boetefuer asked to see the basement, and it appears the DDA has been housing the Christmas decorations and other things in the basement, and it was also discovered that several freezers occupy the space as well. The question is now, should anything be stored in the basement?

Council Member Piechowiak, one of the 2 city board members of the Fireboard, spoke regarding the budget workshop that was held on March 5. He indicated that Chief Ramsay stated a pumper truck is needed. Chief was looking into a used one and his guesstimate is about \$550,00. This amount would be split 3 ways evenly among the entities. Amy was also at that meeting and indicated the city would need to get financing as soon as definite figures are available. A budget increase of \$5,000.00 was also discussed and approved by the Fireboard but the board members need to take back the approved budget back to their respective boards for approval. A

discussion was held regarding wage increases for the fire fighters, but it was agreed to keep wages as they are now.

Council Member Bleshenski indicated the next Planning Commission meeting will be April 22 at 5:00pm.

9. PRESENTATIONS:

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Machele Faith indicated the city needed to approve the Fire Board budget tonight before the next Fireboard meeting March 26, 2026.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bleshenski, to approve the Fireboard budget with the additional \$5,000.00 increase. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of the 2026 summer concert series "Tuesday in the Park" to be held at the Bandshell in Doc Letchfield Park from 6-9pm every Tuesday night starting June 16 through August 25, 2026

This is an annual request by the Pinconning Arts Council to use Band Shell for their summer concert series beginning June 16-August 25. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Piechowiak to approve the "Tuesdays in the Park" summer series. All yeas, motion carried.

B. Approval of the Arts Council to apply for grants and receive donations for a project at Doc Letchfield Park

The Pinconning Arts Council requested permission to apply for grants and donations for a project in the park. This project does follow the outline of the approved Park Master Plan. It was stated the Arts Council donated \$4500.00 and the DDA donated \$5000.00 with contingency of giving more if the grant does not cover all expenses. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the project. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

C. Approval to remove Jessica View as a signer for city accounts and add Rachel LeFever

City Council approval is needed to remove Jessica View as a signer on all city accounts since she no longer is an employee. The city is also asking Rachel LeFever to be added to the accounts as the new City Clerk. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Johnson to approve the removal and addition as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

D. Approval of Resolution #2026-02- Resolution authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue Revenue Bonds and declaring intent to reimburse (DWSRF BONDS)

This resolution initiates the start of the bond process for the water project approved by City Council that will begin Spring 2027. A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Piechowiak to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

E. Approval of Resolution #2026-03-Resolution to approve ballot proposal regarding Public Safety Millage

This resolution is to approve the ballot proposal regarding the Public Safety Millage beginning with the 2026 tax levy year. This is not a renewal; it is a new millage. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

F. Approval to authorize the distribution of the draft Pinconning Master plan for review in accordance with state law

This is the next step to proceed with the state required draft Master Plan process. The City Council must pass a motion to approve the distribution of this copy for review. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Piechowiak to approve the distribution. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

G. Approval of Doc Letchfield Park September 12, 2026, from 12-4 for IDRAHAJE Annual Car Show

This is an annual request to use the park for a car show September 12, 2026, from 12-4pm. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the request. All yeas, motion carried.

H. City Manager Evaluation

Per the City Charter, the City Manager requires an annual evaluation. All council members were given evaluation forms the month prior to having filled out for the discussion. City Manager Lakin requested a closed session to discuss her evaluation.

A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Bleshenski to go into closed session at 6:14pm for the reason of discussion of City Manager annual evaluation. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to go into open session at 6:48pm. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried

I. City Manager Contract

Discussion was held regarding the renewal of City Manager Lakin's contract and an increase in salary. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bleshenski to approve a two (2) year contract of \$65,000.00 per year and allowing a rollover of vacation time if needed up to 7 weeks. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Piechowiak to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:51pm. All yeas, motion carried.



Rebecca Lakin, City Manager