

PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Boettcher called the Regular meeting of the Pinconning City Council to order at 5:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present:

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

Jessica View, City Clerk

Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer

Craig Barnt, Pinconning Journal

3. OPENING CEREMONY:

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Boettcher

4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:

Mayor Boettcher stated her only comment was to remind the council of her statement regarding professional conduct during the meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A loud argument ensued from Council member Lesniak regarding adding additional items to the agenda. Mayor Boettcher stated nothing, but emergency items were going to be added at this time. Mayor Boettcher became visibly upset and irritated which resulted in an outburst and the need to gavel the council several times to regain order. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Kuehne to accept the agenda as originally presented with no additions. The agenda was approved on a 4-3 vote with Councilwomen Boetefuer, Lesniak and Wiess voting against.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Johnson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The minutes were approved by all council members. Council Member Kuehne indicated he would abstain

from voting on the bills unless there was a tie, due to his affiliation with Lighthouse Ministries. Roll call taken: Boetefuer NO Lesniak NO Wiess NO Mayor Boettcher YES Chant YES Johnson YES. Roll call results in a tie. City Manager Lakin asked Council Member Kuehne regarding his abstain vote and he indicated he would change his vote to YES because of the tie. Council Member Boetefuer protested against his vote. Due to a ruling from OMA, Council Member Boetefuer indicated you cannot go back and ask the person who abstained to revote. An abstain vote has the same effect as a no. This means the motion was defeated.

7. TREASURERS REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Manager Lakin updated the council on the activities of the NBA, Mayor Boettcher indicated nothing new on the DDA, and Wiess indicated the fireboard was notified they received a FEMA grant for a new aerial unit. Treasurer Bromberg also answered questions from the council regarding her financial report.

8. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Quotes for Bathroom timer and camera system in the park

City Manager Lakin received a quote this morning from one of the companies updating their quote with a NDAA camera system. Lakin is recommending the council go with an NDAA approved system due to the security and spyware protections. These approved cameras have face recognition and other properties that can identify a vandal without question and will be better for court report admissions. Due to just receiving the quote, City Manager Lakin has not had time to thoroughly investigate the system but was impressed by the price which is almost ½ of the other NDAA approved quote she received. After discussion, it was decided this issue will be ongoing with the revisiting of this issue in the Spring with possible presentations from the competing companies. Lakin also suggested possibly using the police 2% grant application toward the purchase and including bathroom door timers as well. As of now, the bathrooms are closed except for the Tuesdays in the Park which will continue for a few more weeks.

B. Sale of city property 726 4th Street

City Manager Lakin indicated last month a resident approached her regarding the possibility of the city selling a piece of property to this homeowner. As of right now, the property has no tax value and if sold, the city would be able to capture some tax monies. The parcel is a little less than an acre and has no value to the city. This homeowner's property butts up to this parcel and if he bought it, he would have access to a back yard. City Manager Lakin spoke with the resident and presented him with the Fair market value of this property as \$4850.00. The resident came to see Lakin with a site plan of a proposed 40 x 60 pole barn that he would like to build on the property, and he was pleased with the price of the property. I told him I would present to the council this information at the next council meeting in August. City Manager Lakin spoke with the city's attorney regarding how to proceed with the possible sale. The attorney is aware of our ordinance, and he felt that in Section 5 of the ordinance that Council can

determine that if it is clearly to the City's advantage to sell the property they can without competitive bidding. Lakin brought site plans to the council for the proposed 40 x 60 pole barn from this homeowner. After a lengthy discussion, the council decided to make bids for this property and other properties the city owns. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Johnson, to sell the properties by taking bids for 30 days. The property at 726 4th street will have a minimum starting bid of \$4850.00 (Fair Market Value). Roll call: All yeas, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to take the costs of selling items out of the advertising fund. Roll call taken: all yeas, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve a line item named Real Estate in the general fund. All yeas, motion carried. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Chant to approve payment of realtor and title company fees. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried. Council Member Chant also volunteered to get a realtor/title company to provide the services of a purchase agreement, title company fees and closing costs.

C. Discussion /updates regarding bonds

This item was tabled last month and after a lengthy discussion and several arguments, a recommendation was made by the mayor to remove these items from Old Business permanently. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Kuehne to remove these items from old business permanently. Roll call taken: Chant, Mayor Boettcher, Kuehne and Johnson **YES** Boetefuer, Lesniak and Wiess **NO**. Motion carried.

D. Renovations and bids for offices

This item was tabled last month and after a lengthy discussion and several arguments, a recommendation was made by the mayor to remove these items from Old Business permanently. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Kuehne to remove these items from old business permanently. Roll call taken: Chant, Mayor Boettcher, Kuehne and Johnson **YES** Boetefuer, Lesniak and Wiess **NO**. Motion carried.

E. Check signing approval/Amount without council approval

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F. Tribal 2% money

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G. Health insurance employee copay

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H. New amendments in Charter

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10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Homecoming Parade September 15 at 5:30pm

City Manager Lakin informed the council the Pinconning High School Homecoming Parade is September 15 at 5:30pm. She informed them in the past that the city council did participate with a float or threw out candy as they walked in the parade. Some of the council members were not interested in this activity.

B. Discussion regarding possible meeting time change

Council member Johnson started a new job a couple of months ago and was asking if the council would be willing to adjust the time of the meetings to 5:30pm to accommodate his schedule. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Kuehne to approve the new time change beginning with the September regular council meeting. All yeas, motion carried.

C. Discussion regarding the Bay Count 5- year Recreation Plan

*City Manager Lakin gave the council information regarding joining with Bay County for their 5-year Park and Recreation Plan. The city had joined in 2009, did not join in 2014 and then collaborated in 2019. After Lakin did her research, she found after 15 years the city received one grant for \$18,000.00 with a match of \$9,000.00. The city is engaging right now in their own master park plan which has a lot of the same things the county offers. The county plan enables the city to apply for DNR grants that require a county rec plan but there are also grants you can apply for that do not require this stipulation. The total cost to join is \$3,000.00. After a lengthy discussion including where the funds to participate, a motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Lesniak to join the county with the 5-year plan. Roll call: Boetefuer, Lesniak and Wiess **YES** Mayor Boettcher, Kuehne, Chant and Johnson **NO**. The motion was defeated.*

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

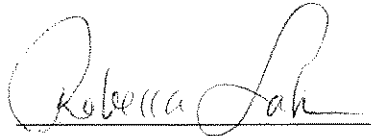
Craig Barnt, Pinconning Journal, commented on the park Master plan and budget adjustments.

Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer also commented on budget adjustments and indicated she heard the phone conversation with Eric from the Saganing Casino regarding a glitch in the system concerning the city manager's submission for 2% funding.

Becky Lakin, City Manager, asked if she could meet with councilwomen Boetefuer, Lesniak and Wiess in the next 2 weeks to discuss the hostility that is ensuing every meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:24 pm. All yeas, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Lakin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager