

**PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 20, 2024**

**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, Chant, Kuehne, Johnson, Mayor Boettcher, Wiess, Lesniak***

***Also present:***

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*

*Jessica View, City Clerk*

*Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer*

*Craig Barnt, Editor of Pinconning Journal*

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:**

*The mayor thanked the United Way of Bay County for their volunteer work of painting the Police Department entrance.*

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*The mayor added item D. Open Meetings Act. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition as presented. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting April 15, 2024. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.*

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

*A motion was made by Chant seconded by Kuehne to approve the monthly bills in the total of \$208,266.81. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.*

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

*City Treasurer Bromberg addressed the fiscal year end amendments to the budget. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the budget amendments. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.*

*Council Member Wiess stated she attended the fireboard meeting and pictures of the new fire truck were available. She noted that Peyton Ramsey completed the Cadet program and is starting his firefighting career. She also indicated interviews for the part-time fire fighter are underway and the hours will now be 6-6 per Dennis Whitney.*

*Mayor Boettcher commented on the DDA meeting regarding a request for funding from the Friends of the Community Building for a roof. She stated the board approved the roof project and they also approved approximately \$26,000.00 for crosswalks and safety signs for the school crossing areas.*

*The newly formed Parks and Recreation committee met on May 15. The committee consists of Mayor Boettcher, and council members Kuehne and Boetefuer. They talked about the bathroom situation and one of the options was to rent a porta potty from June until October. They spoke with Pierson's, and they can rent one for \$125.00 a month. An added option was hand sanitizer for an extra \$25.00 but this was not recommended due to the cost of repairing or replacing the unit due to vandalism. Surveillance signs were also discussed and placing them around the park for extra protection. Cameras were discussed and although they would not be NDAA compliant, maybe if placed way high in the poles it might at least deter some unwanted activity. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Johnson to ask the DDA to pay for the Porta Potty and if they do not approval for the city to pay the obligation. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.*

## **9. PRESENTATIONS:**

*Kristen Angel presented information regarding MICLASS which is a new investment company for schools and municipalities. The council had agreed to this program at the last meeting but also requested a representative to come and speak.*

*Craig Barnt spoke on behalf of the chamber regarding the proposed park master plan. One of the requirements to fulfill the grant was a presentation to the city council. This plan will cost about \$3-4 million dollars and will take several years to complete and a lot of matching monies from the cities and surrounding entities.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Dennis Whitney brought flyers regarding events in Standish, AuGres and Pinconning.*

**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Approval of free Wi-Fi at Doc Leitchfield Park for Cheese Town June 21-22, 2024**

M3 wireless approached the city with sponsoring free Wi-Fi for Cheese Town in June. They are a newer company and would like to introduce themselves to our area. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the free service. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

**B. Approval of 1-year contract with Sunrise Assessing Service**

The contract for assessing services will expire June 30, 2024. The city has been very satisfied with Brandon and his work. He is very good with the residents and is always available for questions and concerns. He is asking for a 1-year contract with an increase of just \$41.67 per month. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Chant to approve a 1-year contract with Sunrise Assessing with the additional increase as presented. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

**C. NBA Invoice**

At the end of April, the city received an invoice from the NBA regarding final expenses they feel the city owes after their withdrawal from the services of NBA. The invoice provided little, or no explanations, and no documentation or proof of these charges. City Manager Lakin requested a recommendation from the city's attorney, and it was provided to the council before the meeting. The attorney also stated that if the council wanted to waive the confidentiality of his letter, they could, and this invoice can then be discussed in an open meeting. A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Lesniak to waive the confidentiality of the attorney's recommendation. After discussion, the council requested the city manager contact the NBA and ask for documentation of these charges. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Johnson to follow the recommendation of the city's attorney. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

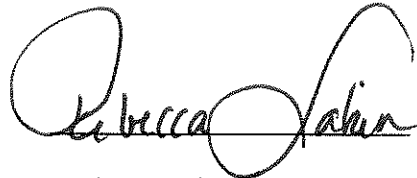
**D. Open Meeting Act**

Council Member Lesniak requested this item be added tonight to the agenda. Lesniak stated as she was vacationing in Florida in March, she came across this article from "The Reviewer" a magazine provided by the Michigan Municipal League. This magazine is a monthly issue that is sent to cities and townships who belong to the league. She read an excerpt regarding closed session requests by a city manager for contract negotiations. It states a manager cannot go into closed session for that reason and then she read the next excerpt that stated the ramifications of violating the OMA. City Manager Lakin stated she would be happy to explain the situation in detail to her after the meeting. City Manager Lakin also noted the city received this article "mysteriously" in their drop box. Lakin stated the importance of following the OMA and this was also discussed previously when a breach of confidential information was leaked by a

*council member to an entity that was not privy to the information. Lakin stressed the possible effects of fines and misdemeanors associated with this as well.*

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

*With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Lesniak seconded by Johnson to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:50 pm. All yeas, motion carried.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca Lakin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the letters.

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*