

PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 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 Wiess, seconded by Johnson to excuse Council Member Lesniak due to sickness. All yeas, motion carried.

Present: Bleshenski, Boetefuer, Wiess, Chant, Johnson, Mayor Boettcher

Also present:

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

Jessica View, City Clerk

Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer

Craig Barnt, Editor of Pinconning Journal

Brandon Murphy, City Assessor

4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:

The mayor thanked everyone for coming out to vote and supporting her again for the next 3 years. She stated she looks forward to the continued success of the city.

She also welcomed the newest Council Members Payton Ramsay and Al Piechowiak and thanked Council Members Chant and Wiess for their service on the council and the assets they both were during their tenure.

She stated herself; the Clerk and City Manager attended the ribbon cutting for the Sterling Area Health Clinic in Pinconning and what a wonderful addition they will be to the school and the city as a whole.

She noted herself, the treasurer and Council Member Chant attended Sam's Hair Design for her 5th anniversary. There was a great turnout for the festivities and another great business addition to our city.

Last but not least, she informed everyone of Santa in the City which is hosted by the library and the city which will be December 11 from 5-7pm.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025, as presented. Roll call taken: Wiess **abstain**, Boetefuer, Chant, Johnson, Bleshenski and Mayor Boettcher **yeas**. Motion carried.*

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Johnson to approve the bills for November in the amount of \$99,046.24. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Treasurer Bromberg indicated everyone received a Revenue and Expenditure report and noted that the Police Department has money left over now that a cruiser was bought and she stated Tom Shoemaker from Extreme Graphics is donating the graphics for this vehicle. She also stated that Bay County released their water rates for the year and the cost increased by about 7 cents. This means it costs the city approximately \$5.58 per 1,000 gallons and the city charges \$8.80 per gallon. Bromberg stated that in the last couple of months there has been a lot of misinformation passed around by individuals in regard to the city's tax rate. After some detailed research, it was discovered the city actually has the **LOWEST** operating millage in the county. It was also noted our water rates are actually lower and the problem is our base rate is higher due to the bond debt from previous administration.*

Mayor Boettcher reported that at the DDA meeting, a presentation was given by the assessor, Fleis and Vandenbrink and Wade-Trim regarding projects.

Council Member Wiess reported on the recent Fireboard meeting stating they will be helping Garfield Township with medical calls and storage. Garfield experienced a horrendous fire loss to their building earlier in the month. The department is having a fundraiser for LUCAS, a new automated CPR device, did fire prevention at the schools, participated with several Trunk or Treats and completed continuing education classes with everyone current and up to date.

Council Member Bleshenski indicated the Planning Commission has a meeting scheduled for this Wednesday November 19 at 5:30pm.

9. PRESENTATIONS:

Brandon Murphy, City Assessor

The assessor presented to the city council regarding a project he has been working on for the past few months. The project first started due to a taxpayer within the DDA district who had questions on which parcels were included in the DDA. It was then discovered that the DDA parcels did not match the zoning map that was connected to the original ordinance. It was also noted some parcels were omitted and some included that should not have been. Now that the problem has been detected, Brandon would like to begin the correction process before the December 31 deadline for the tax year. Brandon also presented this information to the DDA at their November meeting, and they decided to table this issue. Brandon is asking for the council to approve the assessor's map to match the map that the council agreed to in 2020. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Chant to allow the assessor to make the corrections necessary to update the assessor map to the zoning map from the original ordinance. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carole Maida spoke in Public Comment.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Resolution #2025-10- A resolution approving the Pinconning City Council 2026 Meeting Schedule

This is an annual resolution establishing times and dates for the new calendar year for City Council monthly meetings. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call: Wiess and Chant **abstain**, Johnson, Bleshenski, Boetefuer and Mayor Boettcher **yeas**. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the Fire Department/Goodfellows to sell papers on December 6 from 8-4pm

The Fire Department/Goodfellows asked permission to use the street corners at the traffic light on December 6 to collect donations and distribute papers. This has been an annual request and a great fund raiser. MDOT is aware and stresses safety and liability weigh on the departments. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Chant to approve this request. All yeas, motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Chant to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:56pm. All yeas, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca Lakin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and a long, sweeping "L".

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager