

DECEMBER 19, 2022

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MUNISING
301 E. SUPERIOR ST.
MUNISING, MI 49862
AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT
- C. OLD CITY BUSINESS
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report
 - 2. Monthly Reports - Committee- Fire - Police - WWTP
 - 3. DDA - Partnerships updates Kathy Reynolds
- D. NEW CITY BUSINESS
 - 1. Resolution Economic Vitality Incentive Program
 - 2. Emergency Purchase: Swick Home Services \$7,287.00
 - 3. Retainer Agreement with O'Dea, Nordeen and Pickens, P.C. Attorney Contract
 - 4. Proclamation of Appreciation for D. Robb Ferguson
 - 5. Planning Commission Two Open Seats Advertising
 - 6. M-28 Sewer Improvements Project Pay Request \$145,166.70
 - 7. M-28 Water Improvements Project Pay Request \$11,973.06
 - 8. Approve City Commission Meeting Minutes of 12-7-2022
 - 9. Approve Check Register/List of Bills
 - 10. City Manager Report
- E. CORRESPONDENCE
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- G. ADJOURNMENT

CITY COMMISSION

Official Proceedings

- A. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was duly called and held on Monday, **December 19, 2022**, in the City Commission meeting room of City Hall. Mayor Nettleton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
ABSENT: Commissioners: Bogater and Eckert - Excused

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Teri LeVeque spoke regarding the lack of residential rentals in Alger County. She thought that we have too many bed and breakfast/short term rentals. She was very upset and stated that the community needs to do something.

Matt Watkeys informed the Commission that he is new in the position and asked that he be put on the next agenda to renew the annual loan of \$7000.00, between the City and the Conservation District.

- C. OLD CITY BUSINESS
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report

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Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve the Treasurer's monthly report as submitted. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

2. Monthly Reports - Committee- Fire - Police - WWTP

There were no comments on the monthly reports.

3. DDA - Partnerships updates Kathy Reynolds

Kathy Reynolds was not able to attend, but sent the following.

**GREATER MUNISING BAY PARTNERSHIP/ALGER CO. CHAMBER &
MUNISING DDA
Report for City Commission Meeting
Kathy Reynolds, CEO & Executive Director
December 19, 2022**

1. **Rekindle the Spirit** night was a success, and we thank all the businesses that participated, the volunteers and the community.
2. **Rekindle the Spirit Grand Giveaway** started on Thanksgiving Day and ran until Thursday, Dec. 15. We gave away 76 prizes totaling over \$9,000. A huge thank you to the businesses that so generously donated.
3. **The Munising DDA voted in support of working with the City to research obtaining grants (for example, the DNR Trust Fund) to fund buildings, etc., in Binsfeld/Bayshore Park.** For example, improvements being considered would include a new pavilion, new restrooms, park equipment and installations for the youth, etc. When the DDA renewed their 20-year plan amendment, Binsfeld/Bayshore Park improvements were included in their goals.
4. **The Alger County Health Care Needs Assessment is complete** and if anyone would like a copy, please contact me. The major healthcare concerns identified were drugs, alcohol or substance abuse; mental health/depression/suicide; cancer; insurance costs; lack of insurance; prescription costs; obesity; senior care; dental; lack of emotional support in schools/crisis intervention; and access to services.
5. Invest UP and the regional economic development offices (including ours) is working with an outside firm that will be doing a **labor study** specific to the U.P. This will assist us in evaluating current conditions and solutions.

Happy Holidays!!

D. NEW CITY BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Ballas to amend the agenda to include 1A. MBTN Collector trail grant trust fund. Support by Commissioner Berry.

Unanimous Voice Vote:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

Agenda Amended:

1A. MBTN COLLECTOR TRAIL GRANT

Rhonda Lassila Spoke regarding a collector trail grant to make some areas not so scary, for people with lessor skills on the trails.

1. Resolution Economic Vitality Incentive Program

Moved by Commissioner Ballas to approve the Resolution for Economic Vitality Incentive program, showing the City of Munising opting out. Support by Commissioner Berry.

Roll Call Vote:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

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WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has enacted the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Act 152 of 2011, (the "Act");
WHEREAS, the Act provides for limits on the amount that a local unit of government may pay or contribute to a medical benefit plan for its employees;
WHEREAS, the Act establishes standards and a process with respect to medical benefit plans offered by public employers;
WHEREAS, communities are given four options for complying with the requirements of the Act, depending on the impact of the Act on the employees of each public employer;
WHEREAS, those four options are as follows: 1. Apply the Hard Cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee's healthcare costs); 2. Adopt by majority vote the 80%/20% cost-sharing model; 3. Exempt itself from the cost-sharing model as set forth in the Act and revisit it prior to the next plan year by a 2/3 vote of the governing body; or 4. Elect not to follow the provision of the Act.
WHEREAS, The City of Munising desires to comply with the provision of the Act and avoid penalties for non-compliance;
WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Munising, in its role as steward for the public funds entrusted to it, recognizes that it must efficiently manage those limited resources;
WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Munising believes that as the elected representatives for the City, it is best positioned to determine what benefits (including medical benefits) should to be offered in order to attract and retain the best qualified City employees.
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that Pursuant to Section 8 of Public Act 152 of 2011, the City of Munising hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Act 152 for the next succeeding calendar year, 2023.

Motion for adoption by:

Supported by:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Sue Roberts, City Clerk

2. Emergency Purchase: Swick Home Services \$7,287.00

Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve the emergency services performed by Swick Home Services in the amount of \$7,287.00. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

3. Retainer Agreement with O'Dea, Nordeen and Pickens, P.C. Attorney Contract

Moved by Commissioner Ballas to approve the retainer agreement with O'Dea, Nordeen and Pickens, P.C. attorney contract. Support by Commissioner Berry.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

4. Proclamation of Appreciation for D. Robb Ferguson

Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve the Appreciation Proclamation for D. Robb Ferguson. Support Commissioner Ballas.

Roll Call Vote:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

5. Planning Commission Two Open Seats Advertising

Moved by Commissioner Berry to advertise for two open seats on the Planning Commission. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

6. M-28 Sewer Improvements Project Pay Request \$145,166.70

Moved by Commissioner Ballas to approve the pay request of \$145,166.70 for the M-28 Sewer Improvements project. Support by Commissioner Berry.

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Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

7. M-28 Water Improvements Project Pay Request \$11,973.06

Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve the pay request of \$11,973.06 for the M-28 Water Improvements project. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

8. Approve City Commission Meeting Minutes of 12-7-2022

Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve the City Commission meeting minutes of 12-7-2022 as presented. Support by Mayor Nettleton.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

9. Approve Check Register/List of Bills

Moved by Commissioner Ballas to approve and pay the check register/list of bills as submitted. Support by Commissioner Berry.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

10. City Manager Report

Anderson-Tackman has completed a draft copy of our audit and administration is currently reviewing and providing feedback on the document. This draft copy also allows us to begin working on the numerous year end reports that are mandated by the State of Michigan. With only seven business days remaining in the reporting period, finalizing and submitting all of our reports will be taking precedent.

Construction projects for the year are almost complete so we now have the ability to begin work on the only infrastructure project scheduled for next year. The MDNR Waterways funded grant project has UPEA onboard for engineering we will have our final onsite meeting tomorrow afternoon. We are expecting to have a draft copy of the plan set to the City Commission for review in January with bidding occurring in February and March.

The two construction projects that are not wrapped up at this point are the Grand Island Township sewer project and the H-58 preventative maintenance project. The City nor MDOT are satisfied with the final ride quality of the H-58 project and we are working towards a resolution on the issue with MDOT and BACCO. The Grand Island Township sewer project is now just waiting on a number of lift station components that have had a well above average lead time. The pumps, control, and interior electrical components are accounted for however we are still waiting on a reconfigured HVAC design as well as the building and delivery of the backup generator. The HVAC issue should be figured out next month and we expect to have the backup generator onsite by late spring.

The development firm Renovare met with the DDA last week and provided an update on their financing and local funding sources for their tentative "Munising Market Place" development. The plan as presented included a transformation brownfield plan, new market tax credits, as well as City designated redevelopment zone tax abatement. No official draft brownfield plan or request of the creation of a development zone have been submitted to the City or the DDA at this time.

The legislative and executive branches of the State of Michigan had a fairly uneventful lame duck session compared to years past. The state did take action a number of items that may impact the City such as recycling reform and new potential work force housing programs. At this stage, there has been very little guidance on implementation of both these items however I would expect state departments and the Michigan Municipal League will provide guidance next calendar year on both programs.

As a reminder, the City offices will be closed on December 23rd, 26th, and 30th as well as January 2nd.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Berry to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the City Commission. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry and Mayor Nettleton
Nays: None

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

D. M. Nettleton, Mayor

Sue Roberts, City Clerk

LIST OF BILLS

38279)	ALGER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	325.00
38280)	DEVIN OLSON	190.00
38281)	D ROBB FERGUSON	3000.00
38282)	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC.	1230.77
38283)	MY WEB MAESTRO	96.00
38284)	MUNISING TOWNSHIP TREASURER	389.10
38285)	HALRON LUBRICANTS INC.	687.61
38286)	MIDWAY RENTALS	25.95
38287)	FASTENAL COMPANY	293.44
38288)	MUNICIPAL CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC	2500.00
38289)	NORTHSTAR EAP & LIFE COUNSELING	819.00
38290)	MARK MAKI	50.00
38291)	HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY	1164.25
38292)	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC.	8876.56
38293)	VERIZON WIRELESS	909.19
38294)	ALGER COUNTY TREASURER	710.01
38295)	OLSON BZDOK & HOWARD, P.C.	222.00
38296)	AUTO-WARES GROUP	1979.34
38297)	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	12.71
38298)	RYAN ANDERSON	271.44
38299)	NAPA AUTO	233.12
38300)	VISION SERVICE PLAN	472.33
38301)	HYDRO CORP	2467.00
38302)	MARQUETTE FENCE COMPANY	186.55
38303)	USA BLUE BOOK	440.85
38304)	CITY OF MUNISING-WATER	1507.47
38305)	FABICK CAT	153.00
38306)	FASTENAL COMPANY	19.79
38307)	MILLER BRADFORD & RISBERG	55.25
38308)	JACKLIN STEEL SUPPLY COMPANY	394.60
38309)	UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY	5041.40
38310)	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	600.35
38311)	MADIGAN'S HARDWARE	599.39
38312)	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	1726.79
38313)	41 LUMBER COMPANY	710.58
38314)	PUTVIN DRUG STORE	13.93
38315)	PUTVIN DRUG STORE	55.98
38316)	KCI	271.30
38317)	INTERPHASE INTERIORS	2895.00
38318)	DELTA DENTAL	1833.92
38319)	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN	33746.51
38320)	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC.	1230.77
38321)	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC.	1230.77
38322)	ANSER SERVICES	96.00
38323)	DENMAN'S HARDWARE	898.02
38324)	DTMB	180.00
38325)	BACCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	30000.00
38326)	GREATER MUNISING BAY	500.00
38327)	ALGER COUNTY TREASURER	11697.21
38328)	MADIGAN'S HARDWARE	62.96
38329)	IMPERIAL ELECTRIC	837.07
38330)	KATHY REYNOLDS	60.00
38331)	HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY	40.43
38332)	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	154.08
38333)	MOOSE LODGE #1386	250.00
38334)	MAZZALI AGENCY	250.00

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38335)	MUNISING BAY ART ASSOCIATION	80.00
38336)	BALD EAGLE HARLEY DAVIDSON	167.81
38337)	SUPERIOR 105	112.22
38338)	PICTURED ROCKS REAL ESTATE	150.00
38339)	SOUTH BAY OUTFITTERS	250.00
38340)	ALGER GENERAL AGENCY	274.53