

July 20, 2026

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MUNISING
AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4 MINUTE LIMIT)
- C. APPROVE AGENDA
- D. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 1. Monthly Reports - Committee - DPW - Fire Dept - Police Dept - WWTP
 - 2. City Commission Meeting Minutes 6-22-26, 6-29-26 & 7-1-26
 - 3. List of Bills
 - 4. City Attorney Report
- E. NEW CITY BUSINESS
 - 1. City Manager's Report
 - 2. DDA/Partnership Monthly Updates
 - 3. Coleman Engineering Invoice #60173 \$4,051.00 Munising TMF Grant
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTE LIMIT)
- G. CITY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
- H. ADJOURNMENT

CITY COMMISSION
Official Proceedings (DRAFT)

- 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, **July 20, 2026**, in the City Commission meeting room of City Hall. Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, & Mayor Berry
ABSENT: None

- B. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTE LIMIT)

Mayor Berry gave public comment acknowledging Clerk Sue Roberts for her many years of exemplary service to the City and to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

- C. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Burge asked that Consent Agenda Item **4. City Attorney** Report be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to approve the agenda with **Item 4. City Attorney Report** pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to New Business as item **1A**. Support by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, and Mayor Berry
Nays: None

- D. CONSENT AGENDA
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Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to approve Consent Agenda without Item 4.City Attorney Report. Support by Commissioner Prunick.

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Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, and
Mayor Berry
Nays: None

E. NEW CITY BUSINESS

1. City Manager's Report

Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to approve the City Manager's Report.
Support by Commissioner Burge.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, and
Mayor Berry
Nays: None

General Business/Operations Update

- Munising Bay Overlook - Ordered a plaque and will need to schedule a dedication ceremony. In the initial phase of planning for the dedication, stay tuned for details.
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- Zamboni Repairs - The Ice Arena Zamboni requires repairs more involved/specialized than the mechanic can do. Hence, it needs to be trailered to a repair shop. The repair cost estimate is as follows:

\$3,700.00 transportation (to/from repair shop)
\$5,850.00 service/maint
\$6,770.66 known repairs
\$6,500.00 unknown repairs
\$23,000.00 (Approx Total)

Fundraising could help fund the repair costs. Will proceed with fundraising unless the City Commission has any opposition.

- Review of Ordinances - In progress.

City Charter - Reminder: City Commissioners should review the Charter and recommended areas for changes or areas for focus. Send recommendations soon, or let's table this for now.

Have not gotten any recommendations as of yet. Taking this off the list till I receive feedback.

- Dangerous Building Inspection - Working with the Building Inspector to review the notes from the Dangerous Building Inspection at the end of June. Working will bill Nordeen to draft a letter to the homeowners with homes classified as dangerous buildings.
- Athletic Field -
Met with the new superintendent about the expired school athletic field lease. The school is going to review the lease, and we will come back together to discuss options for a new lease.

Have reached out to the Conservation District for help with a crushed culvert; it sounds like they do not have availability to help at this time.

- Invasive Species - An invasive species, Japanese Knotweed, has been spotted around town and in some of the city's alleys. Is there any opposition to having the Conservation District perform weed mitigation in the alleys? They will be using weed killer.
- DPW - The lift that has been used to install/remove banners and holiday decorations is not within OSHA regulations. We will need to work with the DDA to rent equipment to complete these tasks.
- 4th of July Review - from the perspective of City departments, the event went well! The police have requested additional road barricades to help with traffic next year.
- Data Centers - Sounds like Gwinn will be having a meeting to discuss data centers in the not-too-distant future. It will not be a public meeting. If you would like an invite, let me know, and I will pass on details as they become available.
- Fire Truck Funding - Coordinating with the Fire Department to get specifications on the type of fire truck the City needs. I would like specifications so we can start reaching out to various fire truck manufacturers to request quotes and investigate used-truck costs.

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I am reaching out to other communities to see how they have approached acquiring a new fire truck.

- Short Term Rentals - The Planning Commission is scheduled to re-evaluate the short-term rental moratorium in August.

Projects/Operations Update

- Safe Routes to School Grant - Grant Awardees will be notified in August. We have received positive feedback that we will receive the grant. I have reached out to the Tribe about possible collaboration on funding the design/engineering services. There is an opportunity as a portion of the projects are on designed BIA routes. They need project information for a board meeting in October or November. Input on the design concepts has been gathered from the emergency services. Would like to schedule a time for Coleman Engineering to present design concepts and gather input from the City Commission.

Action - No action at this time.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Still working on collecting easements. The loan for the bonding closed on July 16, 2026.
- Action - No action required.
- Washington Street - Continuing to wrap up some property issues and hoping this will go to bid soon.

Action - No action required.

- Washington Street/Sand Point Road Pedestrian Pathway - Met with the planner the NPS is using for their pedestrian pathway, she is based in Grand Marais. The planner has been looking for grant opportunities for the City to apply for to help with planning/design/construction funds to complete a pedestrian path along Washington St and Sand Pt roads. It looks like a Michigan Trust Fund Grant for planning will be opening in spring 2027. Public engagement through homeowner outreach, surveys, and meetings will be needed for the application. I will be working on a plan of action for this effort.

Action - No action required

1A. City Attorney Report.

Commissioner Burge questioned item #3 on the City Attorney's Report. City Attorney Nordeen provided clarification.

Moved by Commissioner Burge to approve the City Attorney Report. Support by Commissioner Prunick.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, and Mayor Berry
Nays: None

2. DDA/Partnership Monthly Update

Kathy Reynolds gave brief update for the DDA and Partnership.

NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Coleman Engineering Invoice #60173 \$4,051.00 Munising TMF Grant

Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to approve Coleman Engineering invoice #60173 for \$4,051.00 Munising TMF Grant. Support by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, and Mayor Berry
Nays: None

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTE LIMIT)

Commissioner DesJardins noted that he will not be present for the August 5, 2026 City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Burge wished to acknowledge the Fourth of July Committee and volunteers on an excellent Fourth of July celebration.

G. Commissioner Comment

There was no Commissioner Comment

H. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Prunick to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Commission. Support by Commissioner Burge.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Burge, DesJardins, Prunick, Wilkinson, and Mayor Berry
Nays: None

The regular meeting of the City Commission adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Chris Berry, Mayor

Mary Artress, Deputy Clerk

42561	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH	39,901.00
42562	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	4,065.82
42563	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	3,657.06
42564	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	4,809.75
42565	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	1,230.77
42566	IMPERIAL DADE	379.18
42567	MIDWAY RENTALS	294.89
42568	MIDWAY RENTALS	223.00
42569	FOUR SEASON'S SMALL ENGINE	61.70
42570	BERGDAHL'S INC.	53.97
42571	DELTA DENTAL	2,053.72
42572	JOHNSON BROTHERS RENTALS LLC	300.00
42573	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	163.54
42574	ANSER SERVICES	99.00
42575	O'DEA, NORDEEN, BURINK,	2,800.00
42576	U. P. LAB TESTING	180.00
42577	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	665.25
42578	HALL CONTRACTING INC.	39,499.20
42579	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	3,377.88
42580	LASCO	830.84
42581	KCI	331.53
42582	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	2,306.14
42583	MUNISING BEACON MEDIA	2,041.00
42584	VISION SERVICE PLAN	449.44
42585	HILLSIDE PARTY STORE LLC	100.84
42586	FAR PRODUCTS, INC	106.00
42587	TRI-COUNTY SEPTIC & SONS LLC	2,100.00
42588	DTE ENERGY	1,187.57
42589	UPPER PENINSULA POWER CO.	24,968.70
42590	WEX BANK	4,866.44
42591	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	3,866.83
42592	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	1,777.10
42593	ALGER COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	8,204.65
42594	NAPA AUTO PARTS	1,338.93
42595	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	246.81
42596	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	612.95