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CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
6:00 P.M.
AS A ZOOM MEETING

- A. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)
- C. OLD CITY BUSINESS
 - 1. City Treasurer's Monthly Report
- D. NEW CITY BUSINESS
 - 1. Wendy Irish - Request to place a Purple Martin Bird House at the Park
 - 2. Industrial Park Lease Lot #3 - Wilderness Towing
 - 3. Approve City Commission Meeting Minutes of 2-15-2021
 - 4. Approve Check Register/List of Bills
 - 5. City Manager Report
- E. CORRESPONDENCE
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items)
- 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 called and held on, Wednesday, **March 3, 2021**, as a zoom meeting. Mayor Nettleton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry, Bogater, Eckert and Mayor Nettleton
ABSENT: None

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)

There were no public comments.

- C. OLD CITY BUSINESS

- 1. City Treasurer's Monthly Report

Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve the City Treasurer's Monthly Report as submitted. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- D. NEW CITY BUSINESS

- 1. Wendy Irish - Request to place a Purple Martin Bird House at the Park

Moved by Commissioner Ballas to direct the City Manager to talk to the City Attorney about non-City owned structures being placed on City property. Support by Commissioner Eckert.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry, Bogater, Eckert and Mayor Nettleton

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Nays: None

2. Industrial Park Lease Lot #3 - Wilderness Towing

Moved by Commissioner Eckert to approve Wilderness Towing's (Lyle Rudder) Industrial Park Lease for Lot #3. Support by Commissioner Berry.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry, Bogater, Eckert and Mayor
Nettleton

Nays: None

3. Approve City Commission Meeting Minutes of 2-15-2021

Moved by Commissioner Bogater to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of 2-15-2021 as submitted. Support by Commissioner Ballas.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry, Bogater, Eckert and Mayor
Nettleton

Nays: None

4. Approve Check Register/List of Bills

Moved by Commissioner Berry to approve and pay the Check Register/List of Bills as submitted. Support by Commissioner Eckert.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Ballas, Berry, Bogater, Eckert and Mayor
Nettleton

Nays: None

5. City Manager Report

As the weather continues to improve, the City of Munising is beginning to prepare for the upcoming spring and summer months. Preparation for next years' budget continues as we are compiling data and cost information for prospective capital improvement projects and operational needs. The engineering firm (UPEA) that is working on our M-28 Utility Upgrades project is working on bid documents for West Shore Drive project as well as coordinating the startup of this summer's improvements with BACCO and MDOT. We will also be reviewing any potential projects or purchases that may need to be carried over to the upcoming fiscal year. An example of this would be the planned replacement of a DPW vehicle that was budgeted for our current fiscal year. Due to supply shortages and high demand, a replacement vehicle was not able to be secured that would be delivered prior to July 31st of 2021.

MDOT has also announced a number grant opportunities as well as additional local agency program funding with a rough total of \$160,000.00 in funds for Alger County. The Alger County 12a task force will hopefully be meeting in the near future in order to decide to utilize the additional funding. Both the Alger County Road Commission and the City have projects within the plan that could be advanced for funding. Coleman Engineering is reviewing the MDOT grant opportunities and will be supplying an evaluation of any potential projects that would have the highest potential of being funded.

The City of Munising in conjunction with UPEA will also be submitting a grant application to the MDOT Local Bridge Program for a preventative maintenance project on the H-58 Anna River Bridge. The current waterproof membrane on the bridge was installed in 1994 and has reached its projected life span of 25 years. UPEA is recommending that the project cover the membrane replacement, guardrail replacement, and concrete sidewalk similar to the Local Agency Programs, all projects are scheduled three fiscal years in advance so if awarded, the project would take place during the 2024 construction season.

Julie and I are virtually meeting with our financial advisors, BakerTilly, on the 3rd to begin the process of reviewing the potential refunding/refinancing the City's 2013 Energy Project debt. The principal and interest payments that make up the existing debt are fluctuating with large increases occurring over the next five fiscal years. The debt is eligible for an early payoff in October of this year so we will hopefully be able to take advantage of the current low interest rates to help stabilize the payments on the debt.

City hall and public works staff are continuing to put a plan together for access management in the Cox Addition area due to the Michigan Nature Association Property. The City Attorney and myself have a conference call scheduled for the 3rd with the Director and Chair of MNA and an update on their plans will hopefully be provided.

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Staffing within the City of Munising was also brought back to our normal and historical scheduling as over 80% of employees have finished the CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination regiment. Operational guidelines will continue to be updated as CDC recommendation limitations set by the State and Federal guidelines are updated.

City Manager Olson also stated that the City has used KCI for tax distribution and for the water bills. It is much more economical. He also stated that currently the City has three legal cases going.

Commissioner Bogater was curious as to what the City will do for publishing as Munising News will be no longer as of March 31, 2021. Olson stated that the Mining Journal will have to be the paper advertised in. Also social media will be used. Commissioner Berry asked about the City's web page and possibly getting an intern to do all the updates. Olson stated that currently he has full range for the web site. Mayor Nettleton asked about in person meetings. Olson stated that as of April 1, 2021 no virtual meetings will be allowed. The City will have to possibly use the Legion, or Alger Parks and Recreation. Mayor Nettleton asked about the City's Police-Firehall, it has a conference room.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items)

Commissioner Ballas informed the Commission that she had attended a Housing Commission meeting and found out that there is a shortage of accessible housing. Also, HUD Grants are available and to let any interested parties know about them.

G. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

D. M. Nettleton, Mayor

Sue Roberts, City Clerk

LIST OF BILLS

36091)	BB&T GOV'T FINANCE	72372.07
36092)	UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY	5655.70
36093)	KONICA MINOTLA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	106.83
36094)	COLLEGE LAUNDRY & RENTAL	278.00
36095)	GREAT AMERICAN DISPOSAL COMPANY	4866.88
36096)	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	502.95
39097)	MADIGAN'S HARDWARE	140.05
39098)	UP INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	594.51
39099)	TECK SOLUTIONS	280.00
39100)	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	6195.00
39101)	ALGER COUNTY ELECTRIC	970.00
39102)	COMUDYNE, INC.	70.00
39103)	DALCO	94.13
39104)	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	100.00
39105)	GREATER MUNISING BAY	262.52
39106)	IMPERIAL ELECTRIC	75.00
39107)	PETERSON PUBLISHING INC.	64.50
39108)	KATHY REYNOLDS	50.00
39109)	HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY	40.36
39110)	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO.	3849.00
39111)	DTE ENERGY	3482.96
39112)	CITY OF MUNISING-WATER	1187.89
39113)	STATE OF MICHIGAN	26.00

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39114)	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC.	1230.77
39115)	EMBERS CCREDIT UNION	12.71
36116)	ALGER COUNTY TREASURER	1503.75
36117)	CASH	233.81
36118)	QUILL CORPORATION	182.75
36119)	SANDLOT SPORTS	701.60
36120)	LASCO	472.75
36121)	EMBERES CREDIT UNION	3551.06
36122)	COLLIGO GIS., INC.	5000.00
36123)	ANSER SERVICES	138.46
36124)	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	169.99
36125)	DENMAN'S HARDWARE	61.43
36126)	AIRGAS USA, LLC	42.99
36127)	GALLATIN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	70.00
36128)	POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC.	100.00