

February 16, 2026

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MUNISING  
AGENDA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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. PRESENTATION
  - 1. Mike Grentz with Anderson Tackman Audit Presentation 2024-2025 Audit
- D. CONSENT AGENDA
  - 1. Monthly Reports - Committee - DPW - Fire Dept - Police Dept - WWTP
  - 2. City Commission Meeting Minutes 2-4-2026
  - 3. List of Bills
  - 4. City Attorney Report
- E. OLD CITY BUSINESS
  - 1. Alger Parks and Recreation Payment - Tabled from 1-21-2026
- F. NEW CITY BUSINESS
  - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report
  - 2. City Manager's Report
  - 3. Kathy Reynolds Monthly Report
  - 4. Greater Munising Bay Partnership/Alger County Chamber of Commerce Contribution Request of \$25,000.00 Per Year
  - 5. Early Voting Location Agreement with Alger County
  - 6. Draft Marina Policies
  - 7. City Charter Revision-Amendment Process
  - 8. Lead Service Line Replacement Bonding
- G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTE LIMIT)
- H. 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, **February 16, 2026**, in the City Commission meeting room of City Hall. Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT (4 MINUTE LIMIT)

There were no public comments.

- C. PRESENTATION
  - 1. Mike Grentz with Anderson Tackman Audit Presentation 2024-2025 Audit

Mike Grentz with Anderson Tackman presented the 2024-2025 audit to the Commission.

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Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to accept the 2024-2025 audit as presented. Support by Commissioner Prunick.

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Monthly Reports - Committee - DPW - Fire Dept - Police Dept - WWTP
2. City Commission Meeting Minutes 2-4-2026
3. List of Bills
4. City Attorney Report

Moved by Commissioner Wilkinson to pull item #1 Police Dept. Report and make it item A1. Support by Commissioner DesJardins.

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

Moved by Commissioner Burge to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Support by Commissioner Prunick.

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

**A1. Police Department Report**

Moved by Commissioner Wilkinson to get an explanation on the excessive mileage and approve the Police Department Report as submitted. Support by Commissioner DesJardins.

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

E. OLD CITY BUSINESS

1. Alger Parks and Recreation Payment - Tabled from 1-21-2026

Moved by Commissioner Wilkinson to start paying the \$15.00 per capita July 1, 2026 to Alger Parks and Recreation. Support by Commissioner DesJardins.

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

F. NEW CITY BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report

Moved by Commissioner Wilkinson to move the Treasurer's monthly report back to the Consent Agenda, also to approve the report as presented. Support by Commissioner Prunick.

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

2. City Manager's Report

Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to accept the City Manager's report as presented. Support by Commissioner Burge.

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

**City Manager Report**

**General Business/Operations Update**

- Contract Language Updates - Ray Anderson is slowly working on this.

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- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration - Met with the team. A request to use the L-Dock for firework launching is forthcoming.
- FY2027 Budget - Departmental meetings to continue for another week.
- City Charter - Did work to investigate the city charter process. See agenda item.
- Alger County Parks and Rec-Fee - Consulting with Bill.
- Review of Ordinances - Proposed plan to review ordinances:
  - o Complete this task outside of City Commission meetings.
  - o Two to four ordinances will be provided to Commissioners with the first meeting of the month packets. The ordinances will be reviewed, and any comments/edits will be returned to the City Manager at the following month's first meeting.
    - Comments/edits will be updated by the City Manager and Attorney.
  - o After 6 months or a year, the City Commission will work to adopt a "package" of updates. The process to update the ordinances is as follows:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
    - 2nd Reading & Public Hearing
    - Publish Ordinances
    - 10 days after publishing the updated ordinances, take effect.
  - o I anticipate that the review of the ordinances will take about 1.5 to 2 years. And expect two rounds of updates to complete the process.
  - o We will start with the Administrative Ordinances.
- City Vehicles/Equipment - A list of city vehicles with year, make, model, and general condition is attached.
- Damage Plow Truck - Plow truck #9 went down at the beginning of the week. The mechanic inspected the frame, and it appears there is some damage. The mechanic notes:

*"I inspected the frame for damage. Although the frame rails showed straight, it appears that the frame has a "Diamond" type damage. This is where one frame rail is pushed further back than the other. I would recommend that a body/alignment shop provide an additional inspection of the frame to confirm. Other noted issues are that the exhaust system will need to be replaced. The exhaust aftertreatment system has visual damage but could be sent out for testing to determine if replacement is necessary of all components. The mounting structure for the exhaust system will need to be replaced. The exhaust was also pushed into the heater core, which will need replacement. The fuel tank is severely dented and should be replaced. The boxes mounting area/frame can be straightened and repaired with fabrication. The box mounts on the truck will need to be replaced. The hydraulic control valve box and mounting arms will need replacement. There are several wiring/electrical components that will need to be replaced. A rough estimate on cost if the frame and after treatment system DO NOT need repairs ~\$10,000. If the frame needs crossmembers replaced/other repairs, the rough estimate would be an additional \$10-20K. If the after-treatment system needs replacement, a rough estimate would be an additional \$5,000."*
- Water and Sewer Rates - In January, John Holland from the Michigan Rural Water Association presented the results of the rate analysis for City water and sewer fees. The analysis recommended a 13.4% increase for water fees in addition to the CPI (consumer price index, AKA annual inflation). An increase in the sewer fees beyond the annual CPI was not recommended. The City Commission should be considering the water and sewer rates for FY 2026. A decision to increase or maintain rates should be made at the end of March or the beginning of April.

#### **Projects/Operations Update**

- Non-Motorized Transportation Plan - Received a revised plan from Coleman - still need to review.  
Action - Send any comments to Michelle.
- Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) -  
Coordination of the application is in progress with the school.  
Action - no action needed by the Commission at this time.
- Munising Bay Overlook - This project is for the City to acquire approximately 300 acres of land. There is a substantial amount of paperwork to be completed for this project. Based on my understanding, the City will need \$20,000 to \$30,000 to contribute to the land transfer. I am starting to complete the paperwork and coordinate with the various agencies on the project.  
Action - no action needed by the Commission at this time.
- Park Service Project (Washington Street Non-Motorized Path) - Met with Park Service Staff and got an overview of project alternatives. I plan to attend another planning meeting on February 18th.  
Action - no action needed by the Commission at this time.

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- Bayshore Marina Policies - DRAFT Bayshore Marina Policies and procedures have been developed. Input from the City Commission would be appreciated. I am working on getting a technical review of the policies. Proposed Marina Fees are included.  
Action - Review and provide any comments by February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Coleman Engineering Projects - with significant activities:
  - o Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) Lead Service Line Replacement
    - Wrapping up service line identification. A portion of the permitting information will be due February 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Park Service: Water Main Extension on H-58 (Park Service Project - Coleman is a sub-consultant on this project)
    - Looks like this project may be starting up. I've received a few questions from the Park Service consultant team. Looks like they will be partnering with HDR Consultants on the project.

3. Kathy Reynolds Monthly Report

Kathy began by stating that Michelle, Kirsten, Dale and she had met regarding monies paid to the City for work performed by the Department of Public Works. Regarding housing and any development the biggest problem in the downtown area is parking. She is also preparing for Pictured Rocks Days, the annual dinner, DDA Façade Grant applications. Her last big issue is the light poles in the downtown area. Apparently, the bolts are beginning to rust causing them to break and fall over. Currently the plan is to start replacing the rusted bolts and hopefully in the future get a better way to keep the wiring off the ground and protected.

4. Greater Munising Bay Partnership/Alger County Chamber of Commerce Contribution Request of \$25,000.00 Per Year

Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to continue to contribute to the Greater Munising Bay Partnership/Alger County Chamber of Commerce \$20,000.00 for one year. Then move into a three year contract. Support by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

5. Early Voting Location Agreement with Alger County

Moved by Commissioner Burge to approve the Early Voting Location Agreement with Alger County. Support by Commissioner Prunick.

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

6. Draft Marina Policies

There was no action taken on this item.

7. City Charter Revision-Amendment Process

Moved by Commissioner Wilkinson to create a Charter Study Group to review the City Charter. Support by Commissioner DesJardins.

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

8. Lead Service Line Replacement Bonding

There was no action taken at this time.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTE LIMIT)

Jennifer Champagne commented that the Munising Beacon is coming up on six months and the subscriptions have doubled, digital subscription have tripled. She thanked everyone for their help and support.

Good evening, members of the Munising City Commission. My name is Anthony Autore my wife and I are local residents of Alger County, living in Munising

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Township, small business owners in our downtown district, and a proud parent's with children in our school district.

I am here to address a core concern: the conduct of a sitting city commissioner and its impact on impartiality, courtesy, and the community's trust in local governance.

#### I. Commitment to impartiality and courtesy in public office

Public officials are charged with upholding impartiality and courtesy toward all community stakeholders, including students, families, educators, and taxpayers.

The city charter and code of conduct require officials to act with neutrality, avoid personal conflicts, and refrain from actions or rhetoric that undermine public trust or the integrity of city processes.

#### II. Specific concerns about improper conduct and interactions

A social media comment attributed to City Commissioner Brice Burge regarding the school and the Safe Routes to School program appeared dismissive of the school district and inconsistent with the standards of impartiality expected of an elected official. The exact comment was "after the school fleeced the city, not a fucking chance"

Such rhetoric risks politicizing educational funding and undermining collaborative efforts between the city, the school district, and the community.

As a result of that conduct, I sought independent information and uncovered an arrest record related to embezzlement and related charges involving this official. While I understand legal processes take their course, the presence of such allegations raises serious questions about fitness for overseeing public funds and programs.

#### III. Expectations for handling concerns through proper channels

When concerns about conduct arise, citizens should be able to rely on established processes: formal inquiries, the city manager, the city attorney, and appropriate ethical/privacy safeguards.

I pursued an inquiry regarding the official's past conduct, including requesting an impartial review of whether such history bears on duties as a city commissioner.

The expectation is that investigations, when warranted, are thorough, fair, and transparent, with findings communicated openly to residents.

#### IV. Impact on governance and legitimacy

The impression of partiality or personal bias in decision-making related to school funding, millage discussions, and safe routes to school projects harms the legitimacy of both the city and school district.

When officials fail to engage with community concerns in a respectful, professional manner, it erodes trust and hinders collaborative problem-solving that benefits students and families.

#### V. What I am asking the City Commission to do

Reaffirm commitment to impartiality and courtesy in all official actions and statements.

Ensure that all discussions related to school funding, millage proposals, and safety programs are conducted through transparent, fact-based dialogue and in accordance with city policies.

Support an independent, timely, and transparent review of conduct concerns, with findings shared with the public.

Promote civility and constructive engagement in all interactions, particularly on matters affecting children, families, and the future of Munising.

#### VI. Focus on constructive solutions

Our priority must be the safety and educational success of our children, along with responsible stewardship of public funds. **At this point his four minute limit ended.**

John Madigan asked about the water rates and his bill, for two people his bill is over \$200.00 per month. City Manager Harrison stated that we can provide him with information explaining the billing process.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner DesJardins to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Commission. Support by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

The regular meeting of the City Commission adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Chris Berry, Mayor

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Sue Roberts, City Clerk

LIST OF BILLS

42162	03789	MURK, PHYLLIS	81.20
42163	01998	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	1,230.77
42164	03526	O'DEA, NORDEEN AND PICKENS P.C.	3,000.00
42165	03458	MARK MAKI	1,558.34
42166	03693	HOLIDAY DIV OF CIRCLE K	5.50
42167	03790	SUPERIOR UPFITTING, LLC	1,002.00
42168	00929	MILLER BRADFORD & RISBERG	639.20
42169	03503	FOX NEGAUNEE	144.66
42170	03094	UP INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	141.81
42171	03491	ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO	311.00
42172	02661	BADGER METER, INC.	195.15
42173	03762	BLUE-WATER SOLUTIONS LLC	2,231.91
42174	03429	HYDRO CORP	832.86
42175	01331	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	552.26
42176	01331	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	240.33
42177	03791	U.P. IRRIGATION , LLC	1,375.00
42178	00362	DENMAN'S HARDWARE	752.58
42179	02272	FASTENAL COMPANY	597.17
42180	01044	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	302.28
42181	00591	HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY	1,107.94
42182	01820	LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	325.00
42183	03266	LASCO	2,266.68
42184	03266	LASCO	612.28
42185	01062	COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC	21,551.59
42186	02528	VERIZON WIRELESS	550.18
42187	03568	NAPA AUTO PARTS	1,311.97
42188	01841	COLEMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY	5,821.50
42189	01841	COLEMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY	5,812.25
42190	01841	COLEMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY	5,829.50
42191	01841	COLEMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY	19,531.75
42192	01841	COLEMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY	5,304.75
42193	01044	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	2,026.42
42194	02119	CITY OF MUNISING	2,024.56
42195	00793	MADIGAN'S HARDWARE	498.63
42196	03420	KCI	1,361.49
42197	03733	MEDSURETY, LLC	110.00
42198	01178	QUILL CORPORATION	372.49
42199	02976	DELTA DENTAL	2,078.49
42200	03288	MY WEB MAESTRO	96.00
42201	MISC	HENNINGER WILLIAM	15.74
42202	01998	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	1,230.77

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42203	01998	UPPER PENINSULA RECREATION INC	96.80
42204	03737	LEXISNEXIS COPLOGIC SOLUTIONS, LLC	286.20
42205	01044	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	138.68
42206	00086	AUTO-WARES GROUP	12.99
42207	03321	IMPERIAL ELECTRIC	300.00
42208	02996	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	3,407.54
42209	02996	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	426.30
42210	02996	EMBERS CREDIT UNION	172.18
42211	03459	SEABERG ENTERPRISE, INC	3,655.00
42212	03792	STATE OF MICHIGAN-MOTOR FUEL	251.67
42213	03420	KCI	772.43
42214	03499	MID AMERICA RINK SERVICES	205.80
42215	00929	MILLER BRADFORD & RISBERG	737.30