

Alpena Council Meeting Minutes July 6th, 2026

The Town Council met in regular session Monday July 6, 2026, At 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor David Meyer, Council Members: Kelly Pouncil, Ottie Morse, Jeff Battenfield, Bonnie Morton. Water Superintendent Jody Marshall, Clerk Phyllis McNair, Police Chief Mark Clark, Captain Jeff Webb, and Court Clerk Crystal Clark.

Mayor called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Jeff Battenfield made a motion to approve June 1, 2026, Council meeting minutes, Bonnie Morton seconded the motion, all voted yes, minutes approved.

Old Business: There was no old business to bring before the Council.

General Report: The Mayor presented the General Report to the Council. The General fund is in the positive due to a check he received from the Attorney Generals office in the amount of \$13,185.00 for help with the police radar and radios. Ottie Morse made a motion to accept the General Report, Bonnie Morton seconded the motion, and all voted yes. Report approved.

The Mayor mentioned while APAC was in town he had Forman look at Porter Road. The Mayor asked the Forman for a quote to pave the road, he gave him a quote for \$17,000.00. The Mayor had a previous quote of \$50,000.00. The Mayor gave him the OK to pave the road with funds from the Street Fund, which had sufficient funds for the job. The road is now paved and the Mayor and Council received a card from a resident extending her gratitude for a project that was a long time coming.

Police Report was presented by Mark Clark. Ottie Morse made a motion to accept the Police Report, Jeff Battenfield seconded the motion, and all voted yes. Report approved.

Water/Sewer Report was presented by Jody Marshall. The Mayor asked Jody if he had estimates for Tonya Stephens sewer hookup, he reported not at this time. Jeff Battenfield made the motion to approve the water/sewer report, Bonnie Morton seconded the motion, all voted yes. Report approved.

New Business: The Mayor mentioned to the Council Roberta McAlister had resigned on July 2nd, 2026, from her position as Recorder/Treasurer and asked for a motion to accept her resignation. Jeff Battenfield made the motion, Ottie Morse seconded the motion, all voted yes, motion carried. The Mayor then asked for a motion to declare the vacancy of the

Recorder/Treasurer. Oattie Morse made a motion to declare the position vacant, Kelly Pouncil seconded, all voted yes, motion carried.

Bonnie Morton made a motion to appoint Phyllis McNair to fill the vacant office, as Deputy Recorder/Treasurer, Oattie Morse seconded the motion, all voted yes, motion carried.

Phyllis McNair was given the Oath of office.

The Mayor made mention the payroll will go back to paper checks instead of online direct deposit to make it quicker and easier for reconciliation and bookkeeping.

The Mayor mentioned he will be going to Little Rock in August before the Legislative Audit regarding the findings on the latest audit.

The Mayor asked for the council's approval to pursue building a website for the Town so the Ordinances, finances, minutes, etc. can be out there and easier for FOYIA requests. He is to contact the IT director in Harrison to get the information on who to use to build the website. The council gave approval for the Mayor to move forward with the website.

The Mayor presented to the council Resolution NO. 2026-9, A Resolution Adopting a Fixed Asset Policy for the Town of Alpena, Arkansas. Fixed Asset List to effectively put a financial amount of \$1000.00 or more and a useful life of more than one year. This is for accountability purposes, audit compliance, Insurance review, and protection of Town property. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote to approve Resolution NO. 2026-9. Kelly, Oattie, Jeff, and Bonnie all voted yes to approve the Resolution.

The Mayor mentioned ARDOT was finished with the paving but has some clean up on the sides of the newly paved streets.

The Mayor mentioned the Sales Tax is now approved to get October 1st, 2026.

The Mayor mentioned the issue of future Vendor Permits. He proposed future permits will only be on the weekend, Saturday and Sunday only and they will have to ask one week in advance. This is so the Community Center availability and the parking lot to be free for parking for the Community Center events. After some discussion Bonnie Morton made the motion to table the issue until the August meeting so the Council could have time to think about their discission, Kelly Pouncil seconded the motion. Bonnie, Kelly, and Jeff voted yes, Oattie voted no to table the issue.

Oattie Morse made the motion to adjourn, Jeff Battenfield seconded the motion. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

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Council Member

Phyllis McVair

Bonnie Merton

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