Alpena City Council

September 14, 2026
Alpena City Hall @ 6 p.m.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Alpena City Council was called to order by Mayor David Meyer. Aldermen answering roll call were Kelly Pouncil, Ottis Morse, and Jeff Battenfield. Also attending the meeting was Recorder Treasurer Ali Grant and Police Chief Mark Clark.

Aldermen absent; Chris Massengale and Bonnie Morton.
Also absent from the meeting, Water/Sewer Superintendent Jody Marshall.

Minutes

A motion approving the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 03, 2026, was made by Alderman Pouncil; 2nd by Alderman Morse. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

A motion approving the minutes from the special session held on August 24, 2026, was made by Alderman Morse; 2nd by Alderman Pouncil. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

Sub-Committee (Dissolution)

Last month the Council voted to create a subcommittee for the purpose of gathering public opinion regarding Ordinance 2026-1A. After further discussion, the Council deemed the subcommittee unnecessary as the primary goal is only to obtain public opinion; not to conduct any official Town business, hold meetings, or make any official decisions.

A motion to rescind the motion creating a sub-committee to gather public opinion regarding Ordinance 2026-1A was made by Alderman Pouncil; 2nd by Alderman Morse. *Motion carried with a 3/0 roll call vote.*

With the subcommittee officially dissolved, it was agreed that Alderman Pouncil would speak independently to the public and provide a summary of his gatherings and recommendations at next month's regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Meyer reminded the Council and the public; no official Town business will be conducted, nor will any official decisions be made during this process.

Legislative Audit Update

Mayor Meyer announced that after attending the JLAC meeting in Little Rock last week, the Legislative Audit Committee has approved and filed the Town of Alpena Financial Audit and Compliance Report FY 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Department & Financial Report(s)

General & Street

The General Report was presented to the Council. Also presented at this time was the Street Report, and the General/Street financial statements for the month of Aug. 2026. The Mayor and the Council reviewed and discussed the current year-to-date actuals and overall balance of the General/Street Dept.

A motion approving the General & Street Reports and Financial Statements for the month of August 2026, was made by Alderman Battenfield; 2nd by Alderman Pouncil. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Sewer Dept.

The Sewer report was presented to the Council; including financial statements for the month of Aug. 2026. The Mayor and the Council reviewed and discussed the current year-to-date actuals and overall balance of the Sewer Dept.

A motion approving the Sewer Report and Financial Statements for the month of August 2026 was made by Alderman Morse, 2nd by Alderman Battenfield. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Water Dept.

The Water report was presented to the Council; including financial statements for the month of Aug. 2026. The Mayor and the Council reviewed and discussed the current year-to-date actuals and overall balance of the Water Dept.

A motion approving the Water Report and Financial Statements for the month of August 2026 was made by Alderman Pouncil, 2nd by Alderman Morse. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Police Dept.

The monthly report was distributed to the Council. Chief Mark Clark reported (74) stops, (54) citations, and (51) warnings; along with a total of (15) K9 Deployments for the month of Aug. There were (19) total arrests with (12) being local Alpena arrests. The department is currently down an officer, but an additional officer is expected to begin patrolling soon.

A motion to approve the Police report for the month of Aug. 2026 was made by Alderman Poucil, 2nd by Alderman Battenfield. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Chief Clark announced to the Council that himself, along with other local law enforcement officers, have been given the opportunity to become deputized agents of ICE. The program is known as the ICE 287(g) Program, allowing state and local law enforcement agencies to deputize selected officers for specific immigration enforcement duties. Chief Clark explained that this program allows local agencies to partner with ICE to help identify and remove criminal aliens from the community. Each officer must complete

the required training before he/she can become a deputized agent. While the range of the program is quite large; Chief Clark reported his department's involvement would be primarily focused on those individuals charged within the normal scope of daily operations. The program is reported as being highly beneficial for our local department financially as funds for new patrol cars and continuing funds for department equipment and electronics are expected.

New Business

Ordinance 2026-10 : Property Tax Mills

Ordinance 2026-10; an Ordinance levying a municipal property tax for the town of Alpena, was placed on its 1st reading and read aloud in its entirety.

A motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2026-10 on its 3rd and final reading by title only was made by Alderman Pouncil, 2nd by Alderman Battenfield. *Motion carried with a 3/0 roll call vote.*

With no further discussion, a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-10 was made by Alderman Morse, 2nd by Alderman Pouncil. *Motion carried with a 3/0 roll call vote.*

A motion to approve the emergency clause was made by Alderman Battenfield, 2nd by Alderman Morse. *Motion carried with a 3/0 roll call vote.*

Resolution 2026-11 : Resolution to Change the Water Rate

Recommended by the AWWA, and as required by the state to meet the revenue needs for the Town's water system, if adopted Resolution 2026-11 will increase the current rate by 3% starting October 1, 2026.

Resolution 2026-11 was read aloud.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 was made by Alderman Morse, 2nd by Alderman Battenfield. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Announcements

Mayor Meyer distributed a draft of a proposed new Ordinance to combine/consolidate (3) previous Ordinances regarding manufactured homes. It was announced that this was only a draft and that the Ordinance would be on the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting scheduled for October 5, 2026. Mayor Meyer also reported that (2) certified letters had previously been sent to individuals that were in violation of the current Ordinance. It was suggested that the collection of any fines related to these violations be postponed until after next month's meeting.

A motion to postpone the levying of fines for the individuals who received a violation letter until after next month's meeting on October 5th was made by Alderman Pouncil, 2nd by Alderman Battenfield. *All ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

Public Comments

Shirley Wise spoke to the Council regarding the June Ordinance and other current restrictions governing the Town of Alpena. She expressed worry that some of these guidelines as currently set are discriminatory towards certain groups of citizens within the community. Ms. Wise did thank the Council for their decisions that evening and stated that she had written down her concerns prior to the proceedings but was still thankful for the opportunity to share her concerns with the Council.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Morse made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Alderman Pouncil.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved:
Mayor, David C. Meyer

Attest:
Recorder-Treasurer: Ali J. Grant

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