

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Joseph Juidici called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Council Members Justin Koski, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT - There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Slown requested that the invoice from JN Electric for the St. Rocco Pavilion be pulled for further review by staff. A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items with the removal of the invoice from JN Electric from item b.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 6th and September 20th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. It was the consensus of Council to file the financial statements. He also noted budget amendments for 2017 would be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting.

Councilman Lehmann questioned the expenses to date for Street Lighting and Park Maintenance. Staff would check into the street lighting budget; DPW Director Jon Kangas explained the Parks Maintenance line item covered the storm damage repairs to the baseball dugouts but some of that expense would be reimbursed from the City's insurance carrier.

TRAVEL MARQUETTE PRESENTATION – There was no one present.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DRAW FOUR

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the Fourth Draw for the Rural Development Water Project in the amount of \$379,044.11.

CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT III FOR THE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained the proposed change order for Contract III which was an increase of \$4,500.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 for Contract III with A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$4,500.

A.LINDBERG AND SONS PAY APPLICATION #3 FOR CONTRACT III

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #3 for Contract III to A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$69,157.70.

SUPERIOR STREET PAVING

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, advised a request was received from A. Lindberg and Sons to perform the work on Superior Street this year but would like a variance from the requirement that all disturbed roadway areas be paved

prior the end of the season. He further advised, if Lindberg and Sons was not able to pave the street, they would use recycled asphalt on the top course to provide some binding effect for the surface, and they would maintain the area throughout the offseason.

Councilman Skauge expressed concern for the residents on Superior Street if that road was not paved before winter; he felt Lindberg and Sons should start the project and get the paving done this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Lehmann to not approve the request to leave Superior Street unpaved through the offseason. Ayes: Councilman Lehmann and Councilman Skauge (2). Nays: Mayor Juidici, Councilman Koski and Councilman Tonkin (3). Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici to approve the request from A. Lindberg and Sons to allow the delay in paving Superior Street if necessary, with the understanding that A. Lindberg and Sons would maintain the area throughout the offseason. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilman Skauge (1). Motion passed.

Councilman Koski felt Lindberg and Sons had done a great job getting as much done as possible before the offseason and suggested the residents on Superior Street contact City staff if the road was not maintained by Lindberg in the event the paving was not completed this year. Council stressed that Lindberg and Sons make every attempt possible to pave before winter.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #11-500 CREATING A HOUSING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Ordinance #11-500, creating a Housing Commission as of the first reading.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to designate the Mayor to make appointments to the Housing Commission after the second reading.

PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL WAY VACATION

Bob Anderson, from UPPCO, explained UPPCO had requested this portion of Industrial Way be vacated to allow for future expansions.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to vacate the Easterly 550.34' of Industrial Way and reserve an easement for the public utilities.

Council thanked UPPCO for their dedication and keeping their business in Ishpeming.

SKATE PARK PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Manager Slown advised the Skate Park Committee asked him to investigate the purchase of two parcels in the downtown and he would like direction from Council to proceed with discussions for the potential purchase with the property owners. The two parcels were on First Street between Cleveland Avenue and Bank Street.

Councilman Koski reminded everyone that this was more than a skate park, one purpose of the park was a skate park, but it was more of a downtown multi-use park. There was discussion on funding for the project and limiting City funds towards this project.

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to begin discussion with the property owners for the parcels indicated by the Committee.

CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROCEDURE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to appoint Councilman Lehmann and Councilman Koski to review the City Manager evaluations.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED TRUCK EQUIPMENT

Manager Slown advised the bonds for the fire truck were sold at a lower interest rate than was anticipated; and once the bonds closed, the money would be available to purchase the truck.

Ed Anderson, Fire Chief, reported the total cost of the new Sutphen SP70 Platform Fire Truck was \$818,381.96 which would be due 30 days after signing and it would take approximately 11 to 13 months for delivery of the truck.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the Sutphen SP70 Platform Fire Truck to be paid for from the sale of the bonds and on the Manager's recommendation waive competitive bidding.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to schedule a special Council meeting for Monday, October 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS - There was none.

NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin provided an update on the multi-use park committee and the NIC meeting; thanked Anne Giroux for all her work on the demolitions; and reported the Zoning Ordinance was moving along and thanked Al Pierce for all his work on it.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Ishpeming High School fundraising meeting for playground improvements; and attended the Library meeting in which Pam Christianson spoke in regards to a District Library.

Mayor Juidici advised there was not a Cemetery Board meeting this month; and, thanked Council Members Koski and Tonkin for their work on the multi-use downtown city park.

Councilman Koski reported the induction ceremony at the Ski Hall of Fame was well attended and went very well; and, thanked Lyle Warner from Edward D. Jones for being a responsible owner and taking care of the demolition of his building on the corner of Hematite and Main.

Councilman Skauge attended the Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting and advised the County Board approved the new 9-1-1 system which would be beneficial to everyone; and was happy to see the large turnout downtown for the Marji Gesick special event.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown provided a written report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff attended the Business after Hours at the Historical Society which was well attended and thanked all the volunteers that work with the Historical Society.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Skauge to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.268(d) at 8:35 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, Skauge, and Tonkin (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to return to open session at 8:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:54 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy Smith".

Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary