

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Joseph Juidici called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Council Members, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (4). Councilman Justin Koski was excused (1). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown. City Attorney Bonnie Hoff was excused.

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to excuse Councilman Koski from the meeting.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SALE OF 429 NEW YORK STREET

Mayor Juidici opened the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:03 a.m.

PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Police Chief Steve Snowaert explained what his proposal was for the 2018 budget which included an additional police officer and advised the overtime line item would in turn be reduced. The need for an additional officer was further discussed. He reviewed other line items in the General Fund Budget for Police and the Rental Inspector. The increased contribution to UPSET was also included.

Councilman Lehmann asked for additional information on the Public Improvement Fund requests for the Police Department which included portable radios, body cams, tasers, and computers; and questioned the increase in the salary line in the Rental Inspector's budget. Chief Snowaert explained the increase in the salary line item for the Rental Inspector was due to an increase in the number of hours worked, however, the hours were still kept under 29 hours per week. He also explained the need for radios, tasers, and body cams.

Councilman Tonkin questioned if the new officer position could be split between the Police Department budget and the Rental Inspectors budget since there was a need for enforcement with the rental units in the community.

DPW Director Jon Kangas explained he made significant cuts in the DPW budgets totaling approximately \$72,000 which would result in a cut in services. He explained the budgets for the Cemetery and Parks took large cuts which would result in the cemetery not looking as good as in the past during the summer and the fall and the grass in the Parks would not be cut as often. There was further discussion on the salaries line item in the Parks and Cemetery budgets. The proposed 2018 budget did not include any staff reductions. He felt other budgets were maintained while DPW took cuts. Staff and Council reviewed the other General Fund DPW budgets.


Carl Peterson, Public Works Foreman, stated staff cuts would result in reduction in services and could lead to safety concerns, especially in the winter.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to schedule another Budget Workshop to continue with DPW and include the Library and Public Improvements on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:08 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy Smith, Recording Secretary