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The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, November 15, 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, Justin Koski, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown. City Attorney Bonnie Hoff was excused.

AGENDA COMMENT -- There was none.

HEALTH INSURANCE PER PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011

Manager Slown reviewed the options available per Public Act 152 of 2011. There was discussion regarding the options, the costs incurred by the City and the costs incurred by the employees with the various options, and the current language in the union agreements. The rising cost of health care was also talked about.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to exempt the City of Ishpeming from the hard cap and 80/20 health insurance premium cost sharing requirement of Public Act 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2018.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: ISHPETURKEY TROT

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the special event application for the Ishpeturkey Trot to be held on November 23, 2017.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND PARADE PERMIT: CHRISTMAS EVENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the special event application and parade permit for the Christmas Parade to be held on November 24, 2017 and the sleigh rides to be held on Thursday nights through December 21, 2017.

2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP

DPW Director Jon Kangas explained a lease for a Peterbilt plow vehicle would be approximately \$45,600 per year for 5 years. He further advised the one ton dump truck could be eliminated and a portion of the \$50,000 allocated for that line item could be used to cover the first year lease payment for a new snow plow.

Councilman Lehmann felt it was critical to fund DPW equipment as it was important for the citizens of the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to amend the proposed 2018 Public Improvement Fund for DPW and reduce the one ton dump truck line item to zero and include \$45,000 for the first lease payment on a new snowplow in the Motor Pool Fund.

There was discussion regarding the addition of a Police Officer in the 2018 proposed budget. Chief Snowaert advised he was looking into additional funding options for a police officer. Councilman Skauge would like to keep the addition of a police officer in the proposed budget. Discussion took place on the potential additional funding of an officer and the amount that should be included in the 2018 proposed budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to include in the proposed 2018 budget, \$55,000 for a new police officer with the intent to continue to look for additional funding for a new position. Ayes: Council Members Koski, Lehmann, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Mayor Juidici (1). Motion passed.

It was also noted the line item for the UPSET contribution should be increased to \$10,000.

There was a review of the Public Improvement Fund with the following amendments to the proposed 2018 budget:

Cemetery – Building Improvements reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Police – Building Improvements reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Police – Equipment reduced from \$20,000 to \$14,500.

Fire – Building Improvements reduced from \$10,000 to \$4,000.

Public Works – Dump Truck from \$50,000 to -0-. Noted \$45,000 would be moved to the Motor Pool Fund for the first payment of the snowplow.

Al Quaal – Building Improvements reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

Al Quaal – Picnic Tables reduced from \$9,500 to \$5,000.

Library – Books reduced from \$19,000 to \$15,000.

Library – Computer Workstations reduced from \$3,000 to -0-.

Library – Building Improvements reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

Contractual Services – Curbs reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

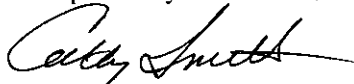
Contractual Services – Sidewalks reduced from \$10,000 to \$7,500.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to schedule another budget work session for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary