

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, December 6, 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 Tonkin and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA COMMENT

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, reserved comment under item 13. FOIA Appeal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Skauge requested item "h" be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (November 8th, 15th, and 28th ; Closed Session November 8th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Rescind Nomination of Harry Weikel to a reappointment on the Marq-Tran Board
- d. Nominate Angelo Bosio to the Marq Tran Board
- e. Reappoint Jim Bertucci to a 3 year term on the Wastwater Treatment Board
- f. Reappoint Anthony Gibbs to a 3 year term on the Housing Appeals Board
- g. Reappoint Bob Marietti to a 3 year term as an alternate on the Housing Appeals Board
- h. Confirm Non-Union .45 per hour increase
- i. Confirm disposal of voting containers – no bids received

Councilman Skauge felt non-union raises should not be on a per hour basis but as a percentage increase as these were salaried positions not hourly. There was also discussion related to raises for non-union based on merit.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending November 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.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DRAW SIX

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Water System Improvement Project Draw Six for payment to A. Lindberg and Sons and GEI Consultants in the amount of \$166,810.37.

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the 2017 Budget Amendments as presented.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME LOCAL 1282, DPW-CLERICAL-SUPERVISORY CHAPTERS

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept the Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 1282, DPW-Clerical-Supervisory Chapters pertaining to Health Care Insurance.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept the Letter of Agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan pertaining to Health Care Insurance.

The Council thanked AFSCME and POAM for their willingness to be proactive with the cost of health insurance coverage.

FOIA APPEAL

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, stated her appeal of the FOIA Coordinator's response to her November 10th Freedom of Information Act request. Attorney Hoff discussed the pertinent exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act.

There was discussion related to the balance between the public interest in disclosure and encouraging candid and frank discussions between the Council and the City Manager.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge to grant the FOIA and release the documents. Motion died for a lack of support.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann and supported by Mayor Juidici to deny the FOIA appeal and accept the opinion of the City Attorney. Ayes: Council Members Koski, Lehmann, and Mayor Juidici (3). Nays: Council Members Skauge and Tonkin (2). Motion passed.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TRAVEL TO MML 2018 CAPITAL CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to authorize City Manager Slown's travel to the MML 2018 Capital Conference on March 20-21, 2018.

CONFIRM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH DDA AND PLANNING COMMISSION

It was the consensus of Council to hold the public hearing at the regularly scheduled Council meeting in January and not have a special Council meeting on December 19th. The DDA and the Planning Commission would have a joint meeting on December 19th.

RESCHEDULE THE JANUARY AND JULY 2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to reschedule the January 2018 Council meeting from January 3rd to January 10th and to reschedule the July 2018 Council meeting from July 4th to July 11th.

Councilman Koski noted he would not be in attendance at the January 10th Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - There was none.

NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin attended all the Council meetings in November, the NIC meeting, and the Planning Commission meeting; and he wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Library Board meeting; he suggested when there was a vacancy on the Library Board perhaps someone from the Friends of Library would be interested in sitting on the Board.

Mayor Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting and advised there could be changes in how the cemetery office was staffed for next year; and he thanked the Unions for their willingness to work with the City to achieve some savings with health care.

Councilman Koski thanked all staff for a very good year and working well as a team; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Skaug thought all the work on the budget went well and a very good 2018 budget was adopted; thanked Mark Stoor and GEI Consultants for all their work on the water project and other city projects during the year; reported the Christmas parade was well attended and town looked very festive; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thought all the decorations and the new hanging baskets looked great.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff wished everyone Happy Holidays; thanked all the volunteers that worked on the new Santa House; and looked forward to another great year.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Lehmann to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) and MCL 15.268(h) at 8:10 p.m. and allow Chief Snowaert to attend closed session. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, Skaug, and Tonkin (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to return to open session at 8:28 p.m.

Council directed the City Attorney and the Chief of Police to work on amending the noise ordinance to help with prosecution of noise issues.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici to not grant permission for Attorney Hoff to prosecute the individual and to dismiss the entire case.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary