

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 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

Curt Sjolholm, addressed the Council regarding delinquent utility bills at 810 Juniper Street. Mayor Juidici requested a meeting be arranged with two Council members, the Manager, and Mr. Sjolholm to discuss this issue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 10, 2018)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Special Event Application: St. Vincent DePaul Walk for the Poor: September 29, 2018
- d. Special Event Application: 2018 Super Tour: February 14-18, 2018
- e. Special Event Application: Iron Range Roll: June 2, 2018
- f. Appoint Kaitlyn Feldbauer to a vacancy on the Building Authority expiring June 2018
- g. Confirm DPW Director job description

Councilman Koski noted the insurance certificate would be provided to the City for the Super Tour event and Cathy Smith pointed out the St. Vincent DePaul Walk for the Poor was on September 29th not the 9th.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda incorporating the change.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

James Lampman, Finance Director reviewed the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2018 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. It was the consensus of Council to file the monthly financial reports.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRESENTATION

Jessica Flores, Preservation Forward, introduced herself and summarized her background. She reviewed the process that would be followed for the historic preservation designation and some of the benefits of obtaining the designation such as community pride/sense of place, bringing business to the downtown, and tax incentives to the building owners. There was discussion regarding the possible tax incentives and requirements to be met by the building owners.

QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR SYMONS PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the Quit Claim Deed for the Symons Property as presented and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign.

AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF MARQUETTE TO PROVIDE ASSESSING SERVICES

Councilman Skauge suggested other options be looked into at some point in the future.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with the County of Marquette for Assessing Services and authorize the Mayor to sign.

AWARD OF SAW GRANT – TELEVISIONING FOR 2018

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, reported one bid was received for the 2018 Sanitary/Storm Water Televisioning from Tunnel Vision of Escanaba in the amount of \$232,960 with an Alternate Unit Price of \$295.00 per hour for heaving cleaning.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the bid received from Tunnel Vision as presented and on the recommendation of the City Manager, waive competitive bidding.

INTERIM S-2 WATER LICENSE OPERATOR AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority Board to allow Tony McGrath to be the Operator-in-Charge of the City of Ishpeming water distribution system in the interim until the City obtains a permanent Operator-in-Charge.

2019 GOALS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND BUDGET PROCESS

Manager Slown advised this was basically an informational item reviewing the process and timeline for the 2019 budget process, including goals and capital improvements. After some discussion on the proposed timeline and long-term financial planning for the City, Council deemed the proposed timeline acceptable at this point and changes could be made as necessary.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #9-300 PROHIBITING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO MINORS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Ordinance #9-300, Prohibiting Alcoholic Beverages to Minors as of the first reading.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2-1500, PROHIBITING LOUD NOISE DISTURBING PUBLIC SAFETY, PEACE, AND COMFORT

Attorney Hoff explained the new ordinance which covered unlawful noise and which allowed for enforcement with a civil infraction ticket and she further reviewed the exceptions to the Ordinance. There was discussion regarding the exemptions and it was felt DPW equipment should be added to Emergency Vehicles while trucks are engaged in snow removal or other necessary functions.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance #2-1500, Prohibiting Loud Noise Disturbing Public Safety, Peace, and Comfort as of the first reading incorporating the addition of DPW Equipment under emergency vehicle exemptions.

OLD BUSINESS

Tennis Court Project Update

Manager Slown reviewed the proposal of the Capital Campaign Committee to renovate the tennis courts at the playgrounds including their fund raising efforts and discussions that had taken place on the lease agreement and the proposed maintenance and use agreement. There was further discussion related to the preliminary work proposed to be done by GEI Consultants in the amount of \$500 to assist with the submittal of a DNR Grant to be used for the project in conjunction with the donations. The DNR grant would be submitted by the City, but no City funds would be utilized. The School would pay for the preliminary work by GEI Consultants.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the preliminary engineering work for GEI Consultants for the DNR grant.

Councilman Skauge asked that Amy Clickner from the Lake Superior Community Partnership be placed on the next regular Council meeting agenda to make a presentation. A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported

by Councilman Lehmann to invite the Lake Superior Community Partnership to make a presentation at the March regular Council meeting. Ayes: Councilmembers Koski, Lehmann, and Skauge (3). Nays: Mayor Juidici and Councilman Tonkin (2). Motion passed 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Juidici pointed out the City Manager had received a good evaluation in 2016 and 2017 without receiving a raise; he felt he was doing a good job and was due a raise.

Councilman Skauge was not in favor of a raise for the City Manager at this time; he had some concerns with management of City operations.

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici and supported by Councilman Koski to authorize a \$2,000/year raise to the City Manager. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilman Skauge (1). Motion passed 4-1.

Mayor Juidici asked for two Councilmembers to meet with Mr. Sjolholm and Manager Slown regarding the utility bill for 810 Juniper Street. Councilmembers Koski and Skauge would attend the meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge attended the Central Dispatch Policy Board; and attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meeting and was happy the pavilion project was moving along.

Councilman Koski reported the Ski Jumping Tournament went great and was very well attended even with the need to cancel on Wednesday due to wind.

Mayor Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting and many meetings at City Hall.

Councilman Lehmann attended the ribbon cutting at Rare Earth Goods which was very well attended.

Councilman Tonkin attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee and GEI Consultants was present and took lots of input; and he attended the Planning Commission meeting and the zoning ordinance was nearing completion.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown read resolution #3-2018 Support for Reopening of the Empire Mine into the record.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #3-2018 Support for Reopening of the Empire Mine as presented.


ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff continued to work on historical projects; thanked Bob Marietti, Ray Leverton, and Carr Baldwin for all their volunteer work for the City; and thanked Council for taking action regarding the City Manager's raise.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary