

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 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 and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Lease Agreement Amendment with the Ishpeming School District as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign.

MAINTENANCE AND USE AGREEMENT WITH ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

David Leverton, 805 Maurice Street, explained the Capital Campaign Committee would look for other ways to get the project completed if the grant was not successful.

Councilman Skauge expressed concern with the language in the Maintenance and Use Agreement related to lighting in the parking lot and the City being responsible for it. Manager Slown explained the School currently and would continue to pay for the lighting. School Superintendent Carrie Meyer advised the School would agree with removing the language pertaining to lighting, however, they would continue to light the area.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to remove the section regarding “Lighting” under Maintenance in the Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the Maintenance and Use Agreement incorporating the above amendment.

REQUEST FROM TERRY AUSTIN

Terry Austin, 417 Marquette Street, explained the problems he was currently having with the sewer at his residence. He presented a quote from A. Lindberg and Sons to temporarily bypass his sanitary sewer lateral, in advance of the scheduled construction in the area, which was not scheduled until July.

Aaron Carr, A. Lindberg and Sons, advised this work would be done in July anyway, so he suggested it be done early, but still as part of the construction project, to help temporarily solve the sewer issues at this location.

Mark Stoor advised this work would be done as a Change Order to the Water Improvement Project Contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously add, by a change order to the Water Improvement Project contract, the cost of a temporary bypass of the sanitary sewer lateral at this location at a cost of approximately \$965.

Manager Slown expressed concern over setting a precedence for these types of issues.

BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR ANDERSON BUILDING

Anne Giroux, Marquette County Treasurer, provided a brief review of the proposed Brownfield Plan for the Anderson Building. She advised the Brownfield Authority had already approved the plan, and the next step was for the City Council to approve, with final approval by the County Board. The length for the recapture was 18 years with the recapture beginning in 2020. The DDA had recently approved an Inter Local Agreement with the Brownfield Authority for this project. She further noted there was still a significant gap in the funding for the project and the developer was waiting to hear back from MEDC.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #6-2018, Resolution in Support of the Anderson Building as presented.

USDA WATER PROJECT

(a) Second Street Paving

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, advised Council had previously approved the concept of repaving Second Street but requested addition pricing. He reported the cost for full depth replacement of Second Street was \$75,398.50 and the cost for replacement of pavement only was \$61,796. GEI Consultants recommend full depth replacement since there was not a substantial cost difference.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to do the full depth replacement for Second Street in the amount of \$75,398.50.

(b) Other Half Width Paving Costs

Mr. Stoor advised this was basically an informational item. There was discussion on the condition of other roads located within the project that may need full width repaving. After discussion, it was felt there would need to be additional discussion on this topic as issues arise during the project.

(c) Change Order #4 for Contract I

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #4 for Contract I of the Rural Development Water Improvement Project in the amount of \$24,247.90 as presented.

(d) Change Order #2 for Contract II

Mr. Stoor advised this change order was for additional work on the Ishpeming Hills Booster Station.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 for Contract II for the Rural Development Water Project in the amount of \$41,886.60 as presented.

(e) Change Order #2 for Contract III

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 for Contract III in the amount of \$126,201.90 as presented.

INFORMATIONAL LETTER TO RESIDENTS REGARDING WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Manager Slown advised this informational letter would be sent out to City residents providing an update on the Water Improvement Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the letter to City residents as presented changing the map to black and white instead of color to reduce the cost.

IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL EASEMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Easement for Right of Way for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail as presented.

PURCHASE OF NEW LOADER TIRES FOR DPW

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of loader tires in the amount of \$11,227.56 for DPW as requested.

JANUARY BILL DISBURSEMENT

Councilman Tonkin reviewed and summarized his concerns with the purchasing process followed for the cabinet replacement project at the Police Department. He felt there was a Charter violation and a letter of reprimand should be given to the City Manager.

Councilman Lehmann felt there was no intent by staff to circumvent the Charter. He expressed his concern with the proposed letter of reprimand because it assumed there was guilt involved. He suggested a cautionary letter be sent to City Manager Slown reminding him of the intent of the Charter and stating how the bidding process should work and copy this letter to all Department Heads who also do purchasing.

Councilman Skauge pointed out last year City Manager Slown paved Lakeshore without prior approval from Council. He felt a letter of reprimand should be put in his file along with Manager Slown's response.

Councilman Koski concurred with Councilman Lehmann with regards to sending a cautionary letter.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Tonkin to issue the proposed letter of reprimand to City Manager Slown dated March 1, 2018 and attach the response letter from City Manager Slown dated March 21, 2018. Ayes: Council Members Skauge and Tonkin (2). Nays: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Council Members Koski and Lehmann (3). Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:28 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Skauge supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary