

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, April 4, 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

Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, provided an update on the Rural Development Water Improvement Project and also advised the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for the Tennis Court and Trail project had been submitted to DNR.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Slown advised the presentation from John Iacoangeli would be postponed until June. A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the above deletion.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (March 7th and 28th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Special Event Application: 2018 Cemetery Tours (multiple dates)
- d. Special Event Application: Friends of the Poor Walk Date Change from 9/29/18 to 10/6/18
- e. CUPPAD Membership Dues
- f. Approve Delta Dental Insurance Renewal
- g. Purchase of books for the Library Summer Reading Program

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

James Lappman, Finance Director reviewed the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2018 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Financial Statements as presented.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION

Amy Clickner, Chief Executive Officer of the LSCP, provided a recap of 2017 and summarized the benefits provided to the City of Ishpeming. The LSCP would like to have the City Manager attend the conference in Cleveland Ohio regarding the Empire Mine; asked the City Council to consider supporting the LSCP and their efforts.

There was discussion regarding the City's 2018 budget and the possibility of providing funding to the LSCP during the 2019 budget process. Also discussed was the need to participate with the Partnership in economic development in the City.

ADOPT POLICY #601 COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE POLICY

Councilman Tonkin expressed his concerns with the language in the policy in the section "Duty to Vote". He felt Councilmembers were not obligated to vote.

Councilman Skauge asked that public comment be increased to five minutes instead of four minutes and to add language stating "by majority vote the Council may extend the time allotted for general public comment."

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adopt Policy #601 Council Rules of Procedure Policy incorporating the change for public comment to 5 minutes and to allow extending the time allotted by a majority vote of Council.

RESCIND RESOLUTION #1989-14 ESTABLISHING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
RESCIND RESOLUTION #14-2017 CHANGE DATE FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to rescind Resolution #1989-14 Establishing rules of procedure for public comment at Council meetings and Resolution #14-2017 Change the Charter regarding date for filing nominating petitions as presented.

RESOLUTION #7-2018 TO REQUEST UPPCO TO PURSUE LED UPGRADE IN ISHPEMING

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #7-2018 to request UPPCO to pursue LED upgrade in Ishpeming as presented.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TRAVEL TO AMBASSADOR'S CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to authorize Manager Slown's travel to the Ambassador's Conference downstate in April.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for 2019 Goals and Capital Improvement Plan Workshop.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tonkin questioned if all the outstanding insurance claims from the wind storm last spring were taken care of; Manager Slown advised most were taken care of with a few still being worked on.

Councilman Lehmann questioned the status of the meter reader charging stand repairs; Mrs. Champion reported the stand was in for repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Skauge reported the snow plow bids were sent out and the new police officer would be starting April 9th.

Councilman Koski questioned when the ground breaking for the pavilion would take place; Manager Slown advised the grant was approved but was waiting for final approval. He also questioned the status of the Jasperlite project; Manager Slown advised it was on track and construction should begin in 2018.

Mayor Juidici moved to authorize payment for Manager Slown's travel to Cleveland with the Lake Superior Community Partnership. Motion was seconded by Councilman Koski and it was carried unanimously.

Councilman Lehmann reminded staff that as the snow melts the blight would begin to show again and he would like continued enforcement. Councilman Tonkin concurred and to also included junk vehicles.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin attended the Planning Commission meeting, the Multi-Use Park meeting; Neighborhood Improvement Committee meeting; and DDA meeting; and, he was happy to see home sales increasing in Ishpeming. He also congratulated Evelyn Valenti-Heikkala on her retirement from the Housing Commission.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Energy Efficiency Committee meeting and the meeting at the Senior Center with Senator Stabenow which was very informative.

Mayor Juidici thanked Councilman Koski for running the meeting in March.

Councilman Koski encouraged citizens to get out and utilize local recreation opportunities.

Councilman Skauge suggested having a Spring Kickoff again this year with the City Council involved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown advised the DPW would begin Saturday Refuse Collection in April with two weekend being held the end of May; and announced there would be a Beautification Kickoff Breakfast on April 25th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported the April 1st deadline was met for all the grants that were being submitted; and she was continuing to work on historical projects.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Champion
Recording Secretary