

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, May 9, 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 – There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Juidici moved to remove item #15 from the agenda because it needed additional review, seconded by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously.

AGENDA COMMENT

Norm Johnson, County Road 581, reserved comment under Request for Rental Code Assistance.

Ernie Harsala, felt the rental inspection program was too costly; it was hard for landlords to find good tenants so the rental inspection program was causing problems for the landlords.

Joshua Bartz, 505 E. North Street, thanked the County Land Bank for their efforts in removing blight in the City and would like to have rental and code enforcement be more stringent in the City. He felt there was a need for thorough enforcement so properties were maintained.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 4<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirm Mayor reappointment of Elyse Bertucci to a 5 year term on the Library Board
- d. Confirm Mayor appointment of John Jackson to fill vacancy on Housing Commission
- e. Appoint John Carlson to 5 year term on the Cemetery Board
- f. Reappoint Dale Thomas and Stephen Piereson to 3 year terms on the Parks- Recreation Commission
- g. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: Italian Fest: 7/28/18
- h. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Festivities: 7/4/18
- i. Special Event Application: Marquette County Out of the Darkness Walk: 9/8/18
- j. Temporary Liquor License for Vietnam Veterans of American Annual Dinner and Dance: 10/27/18
- k. Confirm adoption of MERS Service Time Credit for Employees Policy #114
- l. Rescind Consent Agenda Policy #603
- m. Approve Finance Manager travel to MERS in Grand Rapids on October 3-5, 2018
- n. Confirm Mayor appointment of Gail Longtine to fill vacancy on Housing Commission

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

James Lampman, Finance Director, reviewed the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2018 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. Councilman Lehmann questioned the winter maintenance line item in the Major Streets Fund and Local Streets Fund; Finance Director Lampman explained equipment rental charges still needed to be include in that line item for both funds.

A. LINDBERG AND SONS PAY APPLICATION #5 FOR CONTRACT III

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #5 for Contract III to A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$18,871.58 for the Water Improvement Project.

PROPERTIES FORECLOSED BY COUNTY TREASURER FOR NON PAYMENT OF TAXES

There was discussion among Council regarding the parcels including the vacant parcel in Salisbury. No action was taken.

SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Jessica Shirtz, Head Librarian, explained the proposed security improvements to the Carnegie Library and advised the Library Board was in support of the improvements.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the security improvements to the Carnegie Library in the amount of \$3,167.84.

REQUEST FOR RENTAL CODE ASSISTANCE

Norm Johnson, County Road 581, discussed the rental code program and his concerns related to it. He was concerned over the cost and felt the cost was too much for landlords.

Chief Snowaert explained the rental and code enforcement programs and the costs associated with each. The Rental Code Assistant would be beneficial as it would allow the current Rental Code Inspector to continue with rental code inspections and the Assistant could work on code enforcement which includes long grass complaints and junk yard and junk vehicle complaints.

Council would like the enforcement of the rental code and all other code enforcement to continue and felt the addition of an Assistant would be beneficial to accomplish this.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the part-time Rental Code Assistant position as requested.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PORTABLE RADIO PURCHASE

Chief Snowaert summarized his comparison of the radios.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of two radios in the amount up to \$3,510.

PURCHASE OF SEWAGE PUMP FOR BELL LIFT STATION

Carl Petersen, DPW Director, explained the sewage pumps for the Bell lift station were approximately 15 years old and one of them had failed. He would like to order two pumps to have one for a backup. This was not budgeted for 2018.

Councilman Lehmann discussed the possibility of the pump being repaired and then used as the backup.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to purchase one pump at a cost of \$4,824 and to include the necessary parts to rebuild the failed pump.

AMENDED RESOLUTION #5-2018, APPROVAL OF TENNIS COURT AND TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the amended resolution #5-2018 as presented.

AWARD PURCHASE OF NEW SNOW PLOW FOR DPW

Councilman Skauge questioned if the snow-go had been repaired which was a very important piece of equipment; and also suggested the purchase of a snow-go instead of a snow plow. Councilman Lehmann felt the snow-go should be repaired and staff should continue with the purchase of a snow plow.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to purchase the Peterbilt from JX Truck Center on a five year lease in the amount of \$195,617.

SET DATE FOR SPRING CLEANUP KICKOFF

There was discussion regarding the refuse collection provided by the City. Councilman Lehmann pointed out the refuse collection was available to all residents and property owners in the City and would like to re-enforce this in the newsletter.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to set the date for the Spring Cleanup Kickoff for noon on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and approve the newsletter for distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Skauge thanked the Lake Superior Community Partnership and Manager Slown for attending the meeting in Cleveland regarding the possible re-opening of the Empire Mine. He felt the LSCP was a big help to the City with Economic Development and would like to support their efforts.

Councilman Tonkin agreed that the LSCP did help with economic development in the City; however, the City currently had a very tight budget and support for the LSCP was not budgeted for this year.

Councilman Koski concurred that the work done by the LSCP with regards economic development benefited the City and he supported their efforts.

Councilman Lehmann supported the LSCP's efforts with economic development and thanked them for all their work.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Koski to support the Lake Superior Community Partnership in the amount of \$5,000. Ayes: Council Members Koski, Lehmann, and Skauge (3). Nays: Mayor Juidici and Councilman Tonkin (2). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Skauge requested staff review the ordinance for animals in the City and revise the ordinance with regards to exotic pets. There was discussion regarding the poisonous snake incident in the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to set up the following subcommittees: Pet Ordinance Committee-- Mayor Juidici, Councilman Tonkin, Chief Snowaert, Attorney Hoff, and Manager Slown; City Hall Improvements Committee—Council Members Tonkin and Skauge, Manager Slown, and DPW Director Carl Petersen; Open Burn Ordinance Committee—Fire Chief Ed Anderson; Attorney Hoff, Councilman Lehmann, and Mayor Juidici.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meeting; attended the Inspiration Zone Meeting; two special Council meetings; the Planning Commission meeting; and the DDA Meeting.

Councilman Lehmann attending the Library Board meeting and library security was discussed; met with the Energy Committee and also attended the Beautification Brunch. He thanked all the volunteers that work on the beautification efforts around the City and thanked Moyle Construction for their donation of a truck for the summer to water the plants.

Mayor Juidici attended the MERS meeting and thanked staff and the MERS representatives for their discussions regarding MERS issues.

Councilman Koski was traveling for the Ski Hall of Fame and the Ski Hall was working on putting Ishpeming out in front in the ski industry; thanked all the beautification volunteers for their efforts; and thought the City was looking very good.

Councilman Skaug attend the Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting and provided an update on the Smart 9-1-1 System; wanted to ensure the safety of DPW workers and encouraged the purchase of safety equipment as needed; and felt the City website looked good and was continually being updated.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown provided a written report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff attended the joint meeting with Council, the Planning Commission, and the DDA; the MERS meeting; and was continuing to work on new and old projects.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Skaug, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary