

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 6, 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

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to move item #13 Royal Pub to be discussed after the consent agenda.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Slown asked that the Payne and Dolan invoice from the disbursements be removed and discussed under new business.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda with the exception of the Payne and Dolan invoice.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 7th, May 9th, May 16th, and May 23rd)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirm proposed lot splits in the Ishpeming Cemetery in Blocks 83 and 84
- d. Special Event Application: IBA Concert Series: June/July/August
- e. Special Event Application: IBA Festival of Treasures: July 3rd
- f. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Rainbow Bar: June 30, July 1-4
- g. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: TeePee Bar: July 2, 3
- h. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Cognition: June 29-July 8
- i. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Venice Pub: June 30 – July 4
- j. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Brogies: June 30 – July 3

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR REQUEST FROM ROYAL PUB TO PURCHASE ADJOINING VACANT LOTS

Tom and Karen Austin, owners of the Royal Pub, explained their plans for the two lots; the one on the west side of the building would be used for outdoor seating/café and the lot on the east side would be used for off street parking. They would like to make the area look nicer and hoped to bring people into the community.

There was discussion regarding the sale of two lots, the value of the lots, and if there would be any other interest to purchase the lots.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to schedule the public hearing for the July 11th regular Council meeting to received comments pertaining to the sale of the two lots on the east and west side of the Royal Pub.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

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

2018 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Lampman reviewed the proposed 2018 mid-year budget amendments. There was discussion regarding the Motor Pool fund and its impacts to the General Fund.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the 2018 mid-year budget amendments and proposed.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, reviewed the three items related to the Rural Development Water Improvement Project.

Change Order #3, Contract II

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 for Contract II in the amount of \$120,155.

Rural Development Draw #8

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Draw #8 to Rural Development for the Water Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,244,523.09.

Pay Application #6 for Contract III

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #6 for Contract III in the amount of \$24,390.23.

Councilman Lehmann thanked A. Lindberg and Sons for being conscientious of properties around the construction areas.

PROPOSED RE-ROUTE OF BIKE TRAIL FROM RAMBA

Councilman Koski felt there should be a liaison from Council on the RAMBA Board so Council was kept informed and to help with trail locations/design and signage. He complimented RAMBA on the work they were doing with the trails.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the request for the proposed trail re-route as proposed by RAMBA.

Mayor Juidici suggested Mark set up a meeting with RAMBA.

PROPERTY DONATION FROM THE MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND BANK

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept the property donation for 429 New York Street from the Marquette County Land Bank.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ALLEY VACATION ACROSS FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Manager Slown advised the Planning Commission proposed the North/South alley be vacated across from the high school; however, the Planning Commission tabled the vacation of the East/West alley pending further review.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to set the public hearing for the July 11th Council meeting for the vacation of the North/South alley across from the Ishpeming High School.

RESOLUTION #8-2018, AWARD OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING NEW SNOW PLOW

Finance Director Lampman reported on the four sealed bids received out of the six Request for Proposals that were sent out. He recommended award to mBank with the lowest interest rate of 3.25% and adoption of Resolution 8-2018 authorizing the award to mBank.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to award the financing of the 2019 Peterbilt single axel plow truck to mBank with the interest of 3.25% for 5 years and adopt resolution #8-2018 authorizing entering into the finance agreement with mBank.

BID AWARD FOR NEW COLUMBARIUM AT THE CEMETERY

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the proposal received from Republic Memorials in the amount of \$19,000 for a new columbarium at the Ishpeming Cemetery.

STRIKE UNCOLLECTABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM 2011-2012

City Treasurer Kaitlyn Feldbauer explained this request was to strike uncollectable personal property taxes for 2011-2012 as per the guidelines set forth in the General Property Tax Act, Act 206 of 1893. She has received no response after attempts to contact.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to strike the uncollectable personal property taxes for the period 2011-2012 as recommended.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 12-100, WATER ORDINANCE

Manager Slown explained the amendment covered reconnection of service lines if the service lines were deemed substandard or found to be an imminent health and safety concern.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of amendment to Ordinance #12-100, Water Ordinance as presented.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 10-100, OWNING AND KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of amendment to Ordinance 10-100, owning and keeping of dogs and cats as presented.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 10-300- REGULATING FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of amendment to Ordinance #10-300, regulating the feeding of wild animals as presented.

DISCUSSION OF USDA WATER PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS

Discussion took place regarding allowing the City Manager and DPW Director discretion in approving quick turnaround of change orders so the contractors were not slowed down during the project on items that were \$3,000 or less.

Councilman Tonkin felt there should be some latitude but anything over \$3,000 should come before Council and a special meeting should be called.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to allow discretionary spending in an emergency situation under \$3,000 and then bring to Council to confirm at the next scheduled meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Slown advised Delight Hill was providing the City of Ishpeming sunscreen dispensers to place at various locations around the City. He expressed his concern over possible liability and suggested a sign “use at your own risk” be placed at the dispensers. After discussion, it was felt there was no need for a sign.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge to accept the donation of the dispensers and place at the ballfields, the Power of 10 Pocket Park, and the new pavilion at Lake Bancroft.

Manager Slown advised the bill received from Payne and Dolan for cold patch in the amount of \$3,259.72 was pulled from the bill run and he was requesting approval to pay invoice and to waive competitive bidding.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the expenditure for cold patch from Payne and Dolan in the amount of \$3,259.72 and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager.

Manager Slown explained a request was received from Northern Michigan University for invent@NMU to provide a kiosk at the Library for the City of Ishpeming at a cost of \$1,000. It was suggested NMU be contacted to check on the availability of a kiosk on a trial basis.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to contact NMU and ask if a kiosk could be provided at the Library on a trial basis at no cost to the City.

Councilman Tonkin questioned the fee to be paid to the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) and reported the IBA and the DDA were very upset about the contribution to the Partnership. Manager Slown explained the fee for services agreement which was received from the LSCP was currently being reviewed. He reported no funds have been disbursed to the LSCP to date.

Councilman Lehmann asked that the temporary liquor license applications be forwarded to the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief before they are brought to Council for approval. He also asked that a reminder be placed on the website and on Facebook regarding the lighting of fireworks on the Fourth of July and to note the State law regarding fireworks.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge advised two new members were on the Housing Commission as well as a new Director and he was now getting the meeting packets; he attended the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting; and noted the round-about was damaged by the larger trucks carrying the generators.

Councilman Koski thanked A. Lindberg and Sons and their sub-contractors, GEI Consultants, and DPW for all their work on the RD Water Improvement Project and getting the information out to citizens; and wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Mayor Juidici thanked the cemetery crew and the college students for all their work in getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day and for all their work on the roundabout which no looked very nice.

Councilman Lehmann attended the meeting regarding amending the Open Burning Ordinance; thought the library pillars looked very good; and noted the City would be represented in the Fourth of July Fundraiser golf outing.

Councilman Tonkin attended the regular Council meeting and the special Council meetings; the Neighborhood Improvement Committee meeting, the DDA meeting, amendment of the pet ordinance meetings; and wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Slown welcomed Mike Tall as the new part-time Rental Code Assistant; reported the grant agreement was received for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion project; congratulated James Bertucci on his retirement from the Fire Department after 41+ years; and thanked the DPW carpenter Brad Wootke for making the new podium.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff thought the cemetery looked wonderful for Memorial Day; and, congratulated all the 2018 High School graduates and wished them all the best for their future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cathy Smith", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary