

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, September 5, 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

Don Dakota, 700 Duncan Avenue, requested MDOT be contacted regarding the shape of the asphalt at the US 41/Lakeshore intersection; questioned the use of asphalt instead of concrete, particularly by the school where the buses could easily tear up the asphalt; asked how the scheduling was determined because work would begin in some areas then the crews would leave and would not return for some time; and he suggested A. Lindberg and Sons pick up equipment and supplies currently being stored on the sidewalk since school was now in session.

Council thanked everyone for their patience during the water project.

Judy Tucker, 138 Bessemer Street, would like to see more enforcement on Ordinance 10-100, Section 10-101 and 10-202, Owning and Keeping of Dogs and Cats. She explained the situation in her neighborhood with the keeping of chickens and other fowl and urged for stronger enforcement of these ordinances to help with the situation. She also would like to see stronger enforcement of Ordinance #2-700 Inoperable Motor Vehicles and Ordinance #2-1500 prohibiting loud, unnecessary noise with regards to the large, very loud trucks in the neighborhood.

Jane Piirto, 318 Jasper Street, reminded Council to preserve the historical heritage of the City during construction projects.

Melody Wagner, candidate for the 109th District State Representative, introduced herself to Council and staff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (August 8th and 22nd)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Reappoint Carol Gaboury to a 3 year term on the Commission on Aging
- d. Temporary Liquor License: Marji Gesick: 9/21-22/2018
- e. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: Ishpeming High School Homecoming: 9/21/18
- f. Receive and file “Embracing our History/Achieving our Potential”

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for the period ending August 30, 2018 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Streets Funds, and the Water and Sewer Fund. There was some discussion regarding the Garbage Fund. The monthly budget reports were filed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SALE OF THE N38’ OF LOT 55 NEXT TO THE ROYAL PUB

Mayor Juidici opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR THE GUS MACKER IN AUGUST OF 2019

Kris Anderson, member of the Gus Macker Committee, explained what was involved in the Gus Macker tournament. The Committee proposed closing Hematite Drive from Main Street to Third Street for the event. The Committee would like to make this a Community Event and have vendors for guest and participants to visit as well as promoting the businesses in the City.

Jen Hendrickson asked the Council to support the event so the Committee could work with the Gus Macker representatives to set a definitive date. Councilman Skauge requested that a revised Special Event Application be submitted with the proposed date.

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to support the Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in Ishpeming in 2019 with a date to be determined and a new Special Event Application be submitted with the proposed date.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Rural Development Draw #11 - A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the Rural Development Draw #11 in the amount of \$798,979.74.

b. Change Order #5, Contract III – A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #5 for Contract III in the amount of \$14,161.10.

c. Pay Application #9, Contract III- A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #9 for Contract III in the amount of \$100,133.76.

d. Discussion on Rural Development Additional Funding

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained no additional funding from Rural Development would be received for the work on Business Route 28. A. Lindberg and Sons is currently looking at what areas could be removed from the project and replaced with Business Route 28. There was also discussion regarding the Operating Engineers labor dispute.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – ISHPEMING COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT EVENT

Manager Slown explained the Community Foundation of Marquette County was selected by the Council of Michigan Foundation to participate in the Rural Economic Development Cohort Initiative. The Community Foundation is holding an Ishpeming Community Assessment which included four focus groups on Wednesday, September 19th. Council representatives would participate in the Elected/Appointed Officials Committee to be held at 10:15 a.m. at Bell Hospital.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici to direct the Mayor to appoint two council members to participate on the Elected/Appointed Officials Committee.

Mayor Juidici appointed Council Members Koski and Lehmann.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2-700, INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of amendment to Ordinance #2-700, Inoperable Motor Vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tonkin questioned if a meeting had been scheduled regarding the Second Hand Dealer Ordinance; Manager Slown reported members were contacted but a date still needed to be confirmed.

Councilman Skauge asked if any progress was made with the Request for Proposals for the Malton Road area; Manager Slown was working on arranging a meeting.

Councilman Skauge felt the vacant DPW position should be filled since DPW was shorthanded.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge to direct the City Manager to fill the vacant position in DPW. There was no second.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to place this item on the next meeting agenda for discussion and request DPW Director Carl Peterson provide information on the duties of the position.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Lehmann questioned Ordinance #4-1000 regarding fees charged for structure fires in the City. He expressed concern over charging these fees to residents. Fire Chief Ed Anderson explained the charges defined in the Ordinance. There was further discussion regarding the history of Ordinance and the fees.

Chief Anderson would bring back information regarding the Ordinance to the next meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin, Councilman Lehmann, and Mayor Juidici reported it was a quiet month with nothing to report.

Councilman Koski advised the Hall of Fame Induction weekend was approaching.

Councilman Skauge reported the Labor Day Festivities were well attended and the Lake Bancroft Park looked great; hoped the DEQ would finalize the plan review soon for the Lake Bancroft pavilion; and thanked Gary Johnson for his review of Smart 9-1-1 and advised citizens to utilize the service (A link to Smart 9-1-1 can be found on the City Website www.ishpemingcity.org)

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown submitted his update report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported on the meeting held with County officials regarding the civil infraction tickets being heard in the Ishpeming District Court instead of Marquette which would make the process much more efficient in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:42 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary