

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Juidici called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Councilmembers 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.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(a) Business Route M-28 Substitution –

Councilman Skauge and Councilman Tonkin reported there were several unhappy people in Salisbury Location with the proposal of their area being substituted for work on Business Route 28. They expressed their concerns over the timeframe in which Salisbury Location and D, E, and Adams Streets could be done in the future and were not in favor of the substitution.

Councilman Lehmann questioned which area was in more critical need of infrastructure repairs; Division Street or Salisbury Location. There was discussion on the condition of the infrastructure at both location.

Mayor Juidici felt starting in Salisbury Location could lead to problems with the clay sewers in that location which were not in good shape, and no dollars available to cover the cost of sewer repairs at this time. He did not think it would be a good decision to redo the black top on M-28 and not repair the infrastructure underneath.

Mr. Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained the water project covers the water lines but did not cover the sewer. There was discussion on future grant/loan availability from Rural Development, future infrastructure improvements, the current Deficit Elimination Plan, and current water rates.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann and supported by Councilman Koski to substitute Business Route 28 for Salisbury Location, D Street, E Street and Adams Street. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Lehmann and Koski (3). Nays: Council Members Skauge and Tonkin (2). Motion passed.

(b) Street Paving – Operating Engineers Labor Dispute

Manager Slown explained the proposed letter would allow for a time extension with no increased costs for the labor dispute situation.

Aaron Carr, A. Lindberg and Sons Superintendent, reported there was no additional paving scheduled with Payne and Dolan and BACCO. Lindberg and Sons would maintain the roads that were not paved at the end of the season. There was further discussion regarding the Operating Engineers labor dispute.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to grant A. Lindberg and Sons a time extension at no additional cost to the City and approve the letter to be sent to A. Lindberg and Sons.

SAW GRANT – SANITARY SEWER BACKUP REVIEW

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained there were multiple backups during the last rain storm event. This was due to the large storm events this year, as well as the saturation from continuous storms, which contributed to more water than the system could handle. He reviewed the data collected with regards to the storms this year as compared to previous years and the number of backups.

There would not be a quick fix to this issue, but additional information would be collected to help move forward to a resolution.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: UPAWS FUNDRAISING HIKE

Krystan Beaumont, 307 W. Clark Street, Negaunee, explained the proposed fundraising event for UPAWS. She had been in contact with the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and RAMBA and they were in support of the event.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to support the event to be held on the community trails.

RESOLUTION #13-2018, ACCEPT APPLICATION FOR NEZ CERTIFICATE: 1060 HIGHLAND DR

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #13-2018 to accept the application for the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate for 1060 Highland for the Miles Buck and Rosanne Nardi as presented.

PURCHASE OF SAND AND WINTER GRAVEL FOR 2018-2019

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of gravel from A. Lindberg and Sons and the purchase of winter sand from Carlson Loy and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-2018, TENNIS COURT AND TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the amended Resolution #5-2018 for the tennis court and trail grant application.

APPROVAL OF L-4029, 2018 TAX RATE REQUEST

James Lampman, Finance Director, explained the L-4029 and advised the DDA recapture had been corrected on the form.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the L-4029 as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:43 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary