

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, October 3, 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

Leanne Scarffe, 420 Marquette Street, expressed her concern with the repairs done to her sewer line after it was broken during the water project. She felt the boot used for the repair was not adequate and wanted assurance that if the boot failed the City would repair it. She also noted that her gas line was damaged during the water project but was repaired.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to correct the September 19th meeting minutes to read “the roads that were not paved at the end of the season”.

Councilman Skauge had no concerns with paying the dues to Northern Michigan Public Service Academy as long as staff was utilizing the services. He also questioned the final payment for the Library. Head Librarian Jesse Shirtz advised the Library Board approved payment.

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 5th and 19th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Northern Michigan Public Service Academy 2018-2019 Annual Dues
- d. Reappoint Janice Stone to a 5 year term on the Housing Commission
- e. Final Payment to A&F Construction for Library Entry Improvements

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Manager Slown advised Finance Manager James Lampman was at the Annual MERS conference. It was the consensus of Council to file the financial reports.

RAMBA PROPOSAL FOR NEW TRAIL

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the request from RAMBA for a new trail as presented.

SALE OF PROPERTY NEXT TO THE ROYAL PUB

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the Agreement for the Transfer of Real Estate for 201 E. Division Street (both parcels) and 207 E. Division Street as presented.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: GUS MACKER

Councilman Skauge preferred the tournament be held on First Street and Cleveland Avenue versus Hematite Drive.

Jen Hendrickson advised the dates were changed again for the tournament. Travel Marquette would donate \$10,000 towards the tournament if it were held in June. The dates would be June 14-16, 2019.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the special event for the Gus Macker to be held on June 14-16, 2019, as a co-sponsored event, with the streets used to be determined. Councilman Koski volunteered to sit on the committee for the Gus Macker.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Change Order #8, Contract I – A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #8 for Contract I in the amount of \$11,904.75 as presented.

b. Change Order #7, Contract II – A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #7 for Contract II in the amount of \$16,551.80 as presented.

c. Rural Development Draw #12- A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve submittal of Draw #12 to Rural Development in the amount of \$980,164.15 as presented.

d. Pay Application #10, Contract III – A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #10 for Contract III in the amount of \$51,328.88 as presented.

There was discussion regarding the issue raised by Leanne Scarffe, 420 Marquette Street regarding the broken sewer line at her residence during the Water Improvement Project. It was the consensus of Council to make note in the DPW records and for GEI Consultants to make the same note regarding the broken sewer line at this property and if the replacement boot failed, it would be replaced by the City.

RENEWAL OF POSTAGE METER LEASE WITH PITNEY BOWES

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to renew the postage meter lease with Pitney Bowes and on the recommendation of the City Manager waive competitive bidding.

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

There was discussion on the language Section 2-703 regarding stored, parked, kept and maintained cars. Manager Slown suggested a committee be established to review the Ordinance amendments.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to table the second reading and establish a Committee to review the Ordinance.

Mayor Juidici appointed Council Members Karl Lehmann and Stuart Skauge to the Inoperable Motor Vehicles Committee.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE – TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Traffic Control Orders as presented dated September 21, 2018.

VACANT DPW POSITION

Manager Slown advised the City was moving into their budget cycle and perhaps staffing should be considered at that time.

Councilman Skauge moved to fill two vacant DPW positions. Seconded by Councilman Lehmann. Motion was withdrawn.

DPW Director Carl Petersen explained the list provided was work that needed to be done by DPW with a limited staff, not necessary the work that would be done by the vacant position. Councilman Lehmann would like to work on the 2019 budget before any decisions were made with regards to staffing.

There was discussion on manpower and DPW staffing levels, the work expected by DPW, and the winter season approaching.

Mayor Juidici explained there is currently only one position vacant, the other position was removed from the budget. Councilman Lehmann noted the Mechanic position is the vacant position, the previous position was agreed to not be filled. He felt the 2019 budget should be reviewed and adopted before a position is filled.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski to fill one vacant position in Department of Public Works from the Motor Pool Fund. Ayes: Councilmembers Skauge and Koski (2). Nays: Mayor Juidici, Councilmembers Lehmann and Tonkin (3). Motion failed.

REQUEST TO WAIVE OUTSTANDING BALANCE FOR 204 CLEVELAND AVENUE

Manager Slown summarized the letter received from Gaybille and Mead and his draft response letter.

Kris Kostelansky explained the plumbing at 204 Cleveland Avenue. He felt Buck's Sub Shop was the slave meter and the apartments and Hair Hiatus was on the other meter. He explained there was a leak in the hot water tank for Buck's Subs which caused the large consumption of water. He asked that this amount not be added to the taxes until further information is received by staff and Council.

There was discussion regarding water usage history in the building, the new plumbing that was done, and the new meter installation. There were two meters at the address but there was no record of a master/slave meter.

Councilman Lehmann asked if additional information could be received on the plumbing work that was done at that address. Mr. Kostelansky would bring additional information for staff and Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to table this until additional information is received.

RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON TACKMAN AND COMPANY FOR AUDIT SERVICES

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to renew the agreement with Anderson Tackman and Company for auditing services and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE PARCEL ON EAST SIDE OF THIRD STREET, NORTH OF BESSEMER STREET

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning as presented.

APPOINT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COST RECOVERY ORDINANCES

Mayor Juidici appointment Council Members Justin Koski and Mike Tonkin to the Cost Recovery Ordinances Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tonkin and Councilman Lehmann questioned the status of the insurance claim for City Hall and DPW; Manager Slown provided an update and advised MMRMA agreed to hire the contractor for the roof replacement at City Hall.

Councilman Tonkin questioned the status of the wall repair; Manager Slown reviewed the contractor's plans for repair to the wall.

Councilman Koski still had a problem with contractor trailers being parked on Hematite Drive and would like to further discuss possible resolutions.

Councilman Skauge would still like to have the portion of Empire Street from Second Street to Third Street repaved and would like to receive a cost estimate for this section.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Koski suggested the rental inspection fees be looked into and possibly increased.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin attended the Planning Commission meeting and reported the Draft Zoning Ordinance is nearing completion.

Councilman Lehmann attended a MERS Committee meeting, Second Hand Dealer Ordinance Committee meeting which went very well; attended the Library Board meeting and noted 1500 kids participated in the summer reading program; attended the Community Assessment put on by the Community Foundation of Marquette County and attended the enshrinement dinner at the Ski Hall of Fame.

Mayor Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting and reported a new columbarium was purchased; attended the MERS Committee meeting, Second Hand Dealer Ordinance Committee meeting, the enshrinement dinner at the Ski Hall of Fame, and spoke at the Kiwanis Breakfast.

Councilman Koski attended the dinner at the Ski Hall of Fame; reminded everyone to vote in November; attended the Community Assessment and noted many efforts have been made in our City and there are numerous assets to draw people to our area.

Councilman Skauge reminded everyone to sign up for Smart 9-1-1; and hoped there would be an announcement soon regarding the opening of the Empire Mine.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown asked that a special Council meeting be set up for a budget workshop. It was the consensus of Council to schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, October 16th at 10:00 a.m.

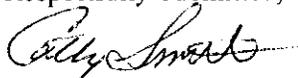
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff attended the Community Assessment which was arranged by the Community Foundation of Marquette County and she was working on revisions to the Second Hand Dealer Ordinance and a new Pawn Shop Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:01 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary