

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Juidici called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Councilmembers Justin Koski, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (arrived at 10:02 a.m.) (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, commented on the 2019 proposed budget, the 2017 audit, and the MERS unfunded liability. She noted she found some additional savings in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to discuss items 2 and 3 before the budget workshop.

OFFER OF VACANT LAND FROM LEE WARNER

There was discussion on the offer received from Lee Warner for the parcel on the corner of Hematite and Bank Street in the amount of \$12,000 and the tax revenue currently received from the site.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to table this item to a future date pending additional information.

SAW GRANT – TUNNEL VISION INVOICE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the invoice from Tunnel Vision in the amount of \$201,659.62 and submit for reimbursement to the SAW grant.

PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilmembers discussed the 2019 budget message and noted with revenues being stagnant and expenses increasing everyone would have to work together to help with the situation. There was discussion on MERS, MERS unfunded liability, Public Act 202, and the Corrective Action Plan due to the State in March 2019.

Councilman Lehmann questioned the roof repair at DPW and felt that additional information should be received and researched before this project is done.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to table the DPW roof repair until the 2020 budget and make it a high priority item and to not include it in the 2019 budget.

Councilman Tonkin noted the budget documents are a guideline and can be amended as necessary. He advised he does not support a budget when 10% of the budget is miscellaneous.

There was discussion on the General Fund - fund balance and the revenues. The change in the revenues was primarily due to the creation of the Motor Pool Fund. Mayor Juidici asked DPW to make a list of the old equipment that could be declared as surplus and sold.

Manager Slown explained the administrative staff allocations were split between various funds.

Councilman Skauge asked that the Lake Superior Community Partnership allocation be moved from City Council to another budget. He felt the assessing agreement with the County of Marquette should be evaluated to determine if hiring an assessor would be more cost effective.

Council discussed the rental inspection program. Councilman Koski felt an increase of fees should be considered and he would like to see the vacant part-time Code Enforcement Officer hired. Also discussed was the cost of street lights and how greater efficiencies could be obtained.

It was the consensus of Council to hold another Budget Workshop on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to begin with Major Streets.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:56 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary