

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, October 25, 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 (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED TEAL LAKE BEACH

Nate Heffron, Negaunee City Manager and Member of the Rotary Club of Ishpeming, explained the Rotary Club and the City of Negaunee would like to explore the possibility of a beach site on the west side of Teal Lake. They would like the City of Ishpeming to support the concept and participate in gathering information. He noted no funds would be allocated at this time by either City or the Rotary Club. This was to gather information only, then discuss the results, and determine any next steps.

Tony McGrath, of the Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority, asked that the Water Authority be involved and kept informed in any discussions because that particular area was a possible future site of a production well.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to support the concept of the beach project for research and information finding.

LEAD AND COPPER RULES

Manager Slown advised the Department of Environmental Quality had made some changes to lead and copper rules for water systems and explained some of the changes. This would likely require an ordinance amendment which would be presented to Council at a future time. This was an informational item at this time and did not require action.

PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Major Street Fund

Councilman Skauge would like to see money allocated every year for improvements to streets in both the Major Street and Local Street Funds. There was discussion related to the amount of Act 51 revenues received and how they should be allocated between the two funds.

Councilman Lehmann questioned the allocation of salaries to the various funds; Finance Director Lampman explained administrative salaries were allocated to each fund to accurately cover the time spent in each fund.

Local Street Fund

Manager Slown noted most of the streets fall into the Local Streets Fund. Councilman Lehmann felt the Council had an obligation to provide decent streets for City residents and sometimes holding off until the infrastructure could be replaced was not feasible. Councilman Koski felt a list of top priorities should be developed.

There was no discussion on the Fire Fund, Firefighters Longevity Fund, or the Lake Bancroft Fund.

Garbage Fund

There was discussion on the garbage rates, the contract with North Country Disposal, and the landfill charges. The cost of the Saturday refuse collection was discussed along with the possibility of reducing the number of times this service is offered or adopting a fee for using it.

A subcommittee consisting of the DPW Director, Treasurer, Finance Director, Councilman Skauge, and Councilman Koski would review the Saturday Refuse Collection and report back to Council.

Building Authority and Downtown Development Authority

The DPW roof was removed from the Building Authority as previously discussed. Councilman Koski requested copies of the Debt Amortization Schedules for the City, Building Authority, and DDA.

Library Special Funds and Library State Aid Funds

Jessica Shirtz, Head Librarian, advised the Special Funds were all the donations received for the Library and the Library State Aid Fund consisted of the dollars received from the State particularly for software.

Public Improvement Fund

There was discussion related to the public improvement fund and the requests made by staff. Chief Snowaert reviewed the requests submitted for the Police Department.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule another budget workshop for Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Mayor Juidici to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) at 11:58 a.m. and include Finance Director Jim Lampman and Assistant to the City Manager Cathy Smith. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann (3). Nays: Council Members Skauge, and Tonkin (2). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to return to open session at 12:33 p.m.

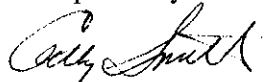
A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann and supported by Councilman Koski to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the process to forward the proposed letters to AFSCME Local 1282 and hope the union would be agreeable. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Council Members Skauge (1). Motion passed.

Councilman Skauge felt the proposed letters should cover all City Employees.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:38 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary