

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, October 31, 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.

PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Sewer Fund

There was discussion among Council Members and Staff regarding the possibility of creating a storm water fund separate from the sewer fund and discussion on fees and time spent by DPW on storm water sewers. Manager Slown advised GEI Consultants was looking into the concerns with storm water.

Water Fund

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the Deficit Elimination Plan and the fee structure in the plan for the water fund. The fund should be out of deficit in the year 2020. There was discussion on Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority's rate structure and the Fund Balance in the fund.

Councilman Lehmann noted there was still approximately \$171,000 deficit in the General Fund that has not been addressed and this was not sustainable. Councilman Tonkin felt that additional cuts needed to be looked at; Councilman Skauge pointed out the budget document was a guideline and could continue to be revised and amended after adoption.

Councilman Koski credited staff for tightening the budget and reducing the deficit in the General Fund from what was originally requested by department heads. He did not feel Council should review every line item in the budget but should look at fund balances, fees, and major expenses and then monitor the budget monthly and then address concerns.

Discussion followed regarding setting up a Committee to continue to review and discuss continued sustainability into the future.

Motor Pool Fund

Finance Director Lampman explained how the motor pool fund was set up and advised the funds were for maintenance of equipment and to purchase new equipment. There was discussion on the rental fees and labor costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge to authorize DPW to add one full time position from the Motor Pool Fund. There was no support.

Councilman Lehmann suggested the use of temporary part-time employees in the winter months as back up for snow plowing or other duties. The solution to the need for additional manpower may not always be full time employees. Council needs to do what is best for the City and the taxpayers.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and Cemetery Care Fund

Finance Director Lampman advised he was checking into new investment companies as Edward D. Jones would no longer be a municipal advisor.

Police/Fire Retirement

This fund was governed by Act 345 and was a self-administered police/fire pension plan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary