

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Lehmann called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Mike Tonkin (4). Absent: Councilmember Skauge (1). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVE REPAIRS TO CASE LOADER #302

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the quote received from Miller-Bradford for the repairs to the case loader in the amount of \$3,885.00 and on the recommendation of the City Manager waive competitive bidding.

REVIEW OF DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE

Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator, advised the new language in the draft Zoning Ordinance was highlighted in yellow and noted there were many new definitions; he explained the North American Industrial Classification System; and advised there was a new Access Management section. The new ordinance would be much easier to enforce.

There was discussion on some of the sections of the ordinance pertaining to access driveways, locations and restrictions of establishments selling alcohol and sexually oriented business; regulations for the keeping of animals such as bees, rabbits, chickens; and the need for the addition of bed and breakfast establishments to the ordinance.

Zoning Administrator Pierce advised he would be making final amendments to the ordinance and the first reading of the ordinance should at the March Council meeting. Council thanked Mr. Pierce for all his work on the ordinance.

SET SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Manager Slown explained staff would like to set up a special Council meeting primarily for closed session items. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the special meeting for Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

DISCUSSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

There was discussion related to the approximate \$170,000 shortfall in the General Fund budget for 2019 and Council would need to determine what services are necessary and what services are just nice to have. Also discussed was the increasing MERS unfunded liability and the rising cost of health care.

Councilmembers felt it was important to try and increase the tax base and part of doing that would include eliminating blight; getting rid of the drugs in the community; and incentivizing people to move to Ishpeming. Also discussed was charging for services to cover costs such as fees for the door hangers for delinquent water bills.

Councilmembers felt tough decisions would have to be made in the future to reduce expenses. Meetings would continue on the subject of sustainability.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary