

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Karl Lehmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Council Members Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Tonkin and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 9th, January 15th, January 22nd, Closed Sessions for January 22nd)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Miller Bradford work order for additional repairs to the sidewalk plow
- d. Confirm Mayor appointments to the Compensation Commission

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to accept the monthly budget reports for the period ending December 31, 2018 and January 31, 2019.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION FOR PROPOSED TEAL LAKE BEACH PROJECT

Mayor Lehmann opened the public input session; there was no comment. Manager Slown advised public input sessions were held at the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission meetings with no comments received. Negaunee City also held three public input sessions at their Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. The Rotary Club was still interested in pursuing the project.

GRAYBILL AND MEAD – 204 CLEVELAND AVENUE UTILITY BILL

Dan Mead, from Graybill and Mead, was representing Chris Kostelansky and Prime Rentals with regards to 204 Cleveland Avenue. He provided handouts which included printouts of the billing history for the meters at 204 Cleveland Avenue and copies of emails. He summarized the information he provided. He would be providing, to the City, a settlement offer for his clients and would like to have a response by February 12th.

WILDCAT INVITATIONAL SKI RACES

Sten Fjeldheim, Northern Michigan University Head Ski Coach, explained the agreement with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard organization would need to be signed by the City of Ishpeming, as the landowner, for this FIS Sanctioned Event, so the athletes could earn their points. There was discussion regarding the event that had already took place.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard for the FIS Sanctioned Event.

POLAR ROLL UPDATE

Todd Poquette, President of 906 Adventure Team, summarized the race timeline and race route. He thanked the Ishpeming City Council for continuing to support this race in the City, as well as, the Marji Gesick event.

AWARD BID FOR LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, explained four bids were received for the pavilion project and all came in over budget. The DNR require a post bid addendum be sent to the four bidders so they all had the opportunity to revise their base bids based on the revisions to the scope of work. The revised bids will be due on February 18th.

GEI SUMMARY REPORT ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, reviewed the budget summary for the Rural Development Water Improvement Project and explained there was approximately \$480,000 remaining with which to evaluate additional work. Some of the areas which were removed from the project fit within this budget; however, Salisbury Location would come in well outside this amount.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #4-400 DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

A motion was made Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to Ordinance #4-400, Disposal of Solid Waste as of the second reading.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3-1200 SECOND HAND DEALERS/JUNK DEALERS

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to Ordinance #3-1200, Regulating Second Hand Dealers and Junk Dealers as of the second reading.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3-900 DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to Ordinance #3-900, Registration of Dealers in Precious Metals as of the second reading.

SECOND READING OF NEW ORDINANCE #10-500 REGULATING FOWL IN THE CITY LIMITS

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve new Ordinance #10-500, Regulating Fowl in the City Limits as of the second reading.

RESCIND ORDINANCE #11-1000, CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to rescind Ordinance #11-1000, Creation of an Economic Development Corporation in the City of Ishpeming.

LETTERS TO AFSCME AND POAM UNIONS REQUESTING DATE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to authorize sending the letters to the AFSCME and POAM unions with regards to beginning negotiations.

REZONE UP HEALTH SYSTEMS BELL SITE FROM DEFERRED DEV. TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to confirm the rezoning of the UP Health Systems Bell site from Deferred Development to General Commercial as recommended by the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Residential/Non-Residential Garbage Collection Services – There was discussion regarding garbage pickup and some non-residential properties putting garbage out that were potentially not being charged.

b. Procedure for haulers authorized by the City to haul directly to the Landfill - Manager Slown advised after three months, a haulers permit would be revoked if their invoice was not paid. There was discussion on who could obtain a permit to haul directly to the landfill.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to suspend landfill permits to everyone unless they are a licensed contractor.

Councilmembers Skauge and Scanlon discussed their concerns with ambulance response time on the west end; Councilmember Skauge was on the Central Dispatch Policy Board and would get information from Gary Johnson on the dispatch reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Lehmann reminded everyone to be prepared for weather conditions and be careful of fallen trees and electrical lines; and he thanked DPW, Fire, and Police for all their great work during the weather event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Skauge attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meeting and advised GEI Consultants would be working with the low bidder to reduce the scope of the project.

Councilmember Scanlon attended the Commission on Aging meeting.

Mayor Lehmann met with David Savu and Elyse Bertucci regarding the Ishpeming Senior Center; attended the Blight Committee meeting; the DDA meeting; and various other meetings at City Hall.

Councilmember Bean attended the Library Board meeting but was not able to make the School Board meeting; and through the Chamber of Commerce provided a workshop for small businesses pertaining to website development and it was very well attended and well received.

Councilmember Tonkin advised the Planning Commission meeting was cancelled; he attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meeting; and advised the ground breaking for the pavilion should be in the spring.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Manager Slown would be providing a written report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Attorney Hoff advised Council to contact her with any questions on the memos she provided.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL SECTION 15.268(e) TO CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING SETTLEMENT STRATEGY IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC PENDING LITIGATION: LESAGE v CITY OF ISHPEMING CASE #18-718-SC

Councilmember Scanlon advised he has a personal interest with this issue and abstained from closed session and left the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann and supported by Councilmember Bean to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with its attorney regarding settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation LeSage v City of Ishpeming at 8:49 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmembers Bean, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: None (0). Abstained: Councilmember Scanlon (1). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge and supported by Councilmember Tonkin return to open session at 9:06 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmembers Bean, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:07 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary