

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Lehmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Pat Scanlon, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT – Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street asked to reserve comment under Sustainability.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL SECTION 15.268(h) TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE STATUTE, i.e. A WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION AUTHORED BY ITS LEGAL COUNSEL ADVISING THAT THE ISSUE BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Mayor Lehmann to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State statute at 5:33 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Council Members Scanlon, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to request Finance Director James Lampman attend the closed session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to return to open session at 6:12 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmembers Bean, Scanlon, Skauge, and Tonkin (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to appoint Councilmember Scanlon and Mayor Lehmann to the Ishpeming Commission on Aging Steering Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to direct the City Attorney to send a letter to the Ishpeming Commission on Aging advising a resolution was not necessary since there is a lease agreement and that two Councilmember have been appointed to the Steering Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to authorize the two committee members to select a citizen at large for the committee.

CITY BUDGET/SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION – DPW

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, advised she had found approximately \$164,000 of cuts in the General Fund budget; questioned the staff allocations; and felt there should be staff reductions at City Hall.

Councilmember Scanlon suggested equipment be inventoried and if it was no longer needed, and if it had value, consideration should be given to selling the piece of equipment. There was further discussion on various pieces of DPW equipment and the number of DPW staff available to operate the equipment.

Discussion took place on staff allocations, various line items in the DPW General Fund budget, and potential savings with installation of LED lighting for the street lights.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:48 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary