

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, April 3, 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

Ashley Cody, 169 W. Superior Street, had a water leak at their rental located at 412 S. Fourth Street. Their water meter had gone through approximately 1 million gallons for a cost of approximately \$18,000. This was a huge undertaking that they cannot afford to pay and wanted to bring this to the City Council's attention.

Matt Cody, 169 W. Superior Street, advised the insurance was not covering the cost of water. He would like to see the City adopt a catastrophic clause in the water ordinance.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, commented on items that were included on the consent agenda which she felt should not be.

Paul Huard, 2007 Prairie Avenue, owned rental properties at 645, 647, and 659 Division Street. He had a dumpster for his properties with Great American Disposal and would, therefore, like to have the garage fee removed from his water bill on a monthly basis. The properties were all separate properties in close proximity to each other, it was not a complex.

Councilmember Tonkin felt an amendment to the Garbage Ordinance should be considered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lehmann asked that item 7d Crossroads Truck Repair Invoice for Piston Bully Repair no longer needed Council action and item 21 PCBM UCC Financing Statements should be removed from the agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

AGENDA COMMENT

David Savu, 224 N. Davis Street, reserved comment under item 19 Senior Center Update.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 7d.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (March 6th, 20th, and 26th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirm payment to MERS Surplus Division per the MERS Corrective Action Plan
- d. Removed as noted above.
- e. Industrial Marketing Quotation for TYMCO Sweeper Repair
- f. Special Event Application: Historical Society 2019 Cemetery Tours
- g. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: Firefighters Memorial Parade: 6-2-19
- h. Public Act 369 of 2018 Paid Medical Leave Act
- i. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: St. John/St. Joseph's Parade: 6/23/19
- j. Police Department request to purchase bullet proof vest carriers

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2019 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Streets Funds, and the Water and Sewer Fund.

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

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #8-100, ZONING ORDINANCE

There was some discussion regarding the required language from Redevelopment Ready Communities for parking lot landscaping.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to the City of Ishpeming Zoning Ordinance as of the second reading.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2-400, REGULATION OF FIREWORKS

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Ordinance #2-400, Regulation of Fireworks as of the second reading.

RESOLUTION #5-2019, ADOPT A LOCAL PAVEMENT WARRANTY PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #5-2019, Adopt a Local Pavement Warranty Program as presented.

RESOLUTION #6-2019, IMPLEMENT A LOCAL PAVEMENT WARRANTY PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #6-2019, Implement a Local Pavement Warranty Program as presented.

RESOLUTION #7-2019, MDOT CATEGORY B FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION

Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, advised the grant was due on Friday, April 5TH. He explained this funding was open to both local and major streets. There was discussion related to the streets that should be included in the resolution; the fund balance in the Local Street Fund and Major Street Fund and revenues expected in those funds; and to include both major and local streets in the resolution so matching funds could be taken from each.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried to approve Resolution #7-2019 MDOT Category B Funding Grant applications as presented.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Pay Application #15, Contract I

b. Change Order #10, Contract II

c. Pay Application #14, Contract II

d. Pay Application #14, Contract III

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve items (a), (b), (c), and (d) above as presented.

STONEHOUSE WINDOW AND DOOR ESTIMATE FOR WINDOW REPAIRS IN TOWER AT CITY HALL

Manager Slown explained this was an insurance claim from the wind storm in May of 2017.

Bill Hill, Stonehouse Window and Door, presented a couple of proposals for repairs to the windows in the City Hall Tower. He explained one proposal was to use bronze, low-e, tempered glass with diamond grille pattern to match as closely as possible to the stained glass that is currently there, and, the other was to use just clear glass with the diamond grille pattern.

Councilmember Tonkin questioned if the glass was ¼” tempered glass. There was further discussion on the options available and what would most closely match the existing glass.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge and supported by Mayor Lehmann to approve the proposal to use bronze low-e, tempered glass with diamond grill pattern with confirmation that it is ¼' tempered glass. Ayes: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmember Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Nays: Councilmember Mike Tonkin (1). Motion passed.

ACCEPT COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING

Manager Slown reported the Michigan Energy Office (MEO) has offered a Community Energy Management Incentive Program grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the City of Ishpeming. This would cover upgrades of City owned street lights to LED lights.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to accept the Community Energy Management Incentive Program grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

There was discussion on how to proceed with the search for a new City Manager. Mayor Lehmann reviewed some of the services offered by the Michigan Municipal League. Councilman Skauge suggested the City do a search first before considering the use of a consultant.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to table this item and hold a special meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss further.

MALTON ROAD/HEMATITE HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Manager Slown advised a letter was received from Roger Crimmins of A. Lindberg and Sons, expressing interest in having a meeting to discuss development on Malton Road/Hematite Heights. The Manager Slown and Councilmembers Stuart Skauge and Pat Scanlon would meet with Mr. Crimmins to discuss proposed development.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

Councilmember Scanlon provided an update on the proposed new building for the Senior Center. The Senior Center Building Committee preferred the Greenwood site versus the current site for the new building. Temporary locations were being looked into. He also talked about some temporary repairs that would be made to the current building.

David Savu, Chair of the Senior Center Building Committee, reported a vote was taken by the Committee and it passed 7-1 for the Greenwood location. RG Design would be preparing plans for parking on both site. He discussed the timeline for applying for an MEDC grant.

RENTAL INSPECTOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT WAGES

Police Chief Steve Snowaert explained he would like the Rental Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer to be cross trained and each would work approximately 20 hours per week. He requested the wage for each be set at \$18.00 per hour with an entry level rate for the first three month of \$16.50 per hour.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the request from the Chief of Police for the Rental Inspector position and Code Enforcement Officer position wages as presented.

ESTABLISH COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE #6-400 AND #6-401, PLACEMENT OF SNOW IN RIGHT OF WAY

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to table this item and schedule a meeting in the fall.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The special Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m.

DISCUSS SCHEDULE FOR BUDGET/SUSTAINABILITY MEETINGS

There was discussion on scheduling the next budget/sustainability meeting after the 2018 Audit is presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge and supported by Councilmember Bean to table this item until the 2018 Audit report is received in June. Ayes: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmember Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Nays: Councilmember Mike Tonkin (1). Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Scanlon pointed out not charging for the “Public Notice of Disconnect” door hangers resulted in lost revenue for the City and he would like to address this issue at the next meeting. A catastrophic water bill policy should also be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Skauge and Councilman Scanlon asked staff to arrange a date for the “Spring Cleanup Kickoff” as was done last year on Main Street.

Councilman Tonkin noted there were many pot holes; DPW Director Carl Petersen reported staff was working on repairing pot holes.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Tonkin reported the Planning Commission meeting was cancelled; the Parks and Recreation Commission was not scheduled for March; and he thanked everyone for approving the second reading of the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilmember Bean attended the Library Board meeting; and continued to work on the Chamber West End website which would be done soon.

Mayor Lehmann questioned why the production technician was not in attendance to televise the meeting; the meetings should be reliably televised. There was discussion regarding placing the meetings on U-Tube or the website so residents could view. Mayor Lehmann also attended the Aging Advisory Board, DDA, Senior Center Building Committee, and many other meetings at City Hall during the month.

Councilmember Scanlon continued to work on blight in the City.

Councilmember Skauge advised there were 600 people signed up for Smart 9-1-1.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Manager Slown advised Council had received his written report. He reported Paul Huard volunteered to build a little free library for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion. Paul Huard provided a picture of the little free library he would like to construct. He advised County Board Chair Gerald Corkin would like the City of Ishpeming to adopt a resolution of support for the proposed millage for the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. He also advised City Clerk Tammie Leece’s last day was April 8, 2019.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Hoff provided an update of her court docket; was continuing to work on various other projects; attended meeting with MMRMA, GEI Consultants, DPW, and various other meetings.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge and supported by Mayor Lehmann to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider materials exempt from discussion by state statute and pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained at 8:57 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to return to open session at 9:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to authorize the City Attorney to begin negotiations with the property owners in the amount discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:19 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary