

The Regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, May 8, 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, was in attendance due to the large water bill they received for 412 S. Fourth Street. She was very glad the City Council was considering a catastrophic water policy for this type of situation; however, she wished that someone from the City would have contacted her after the last meeting.

Other members of the audience that were in support of a catastrophic water policy was Alex Sutter, 145 E. Fairbanks, Marquette; Crystal Nobal 2732 Scenic Drive, Marquette; Justin Gangle, 710 Greenwood Street; Francis Lapman of Negaunee; and James Mead, 670 Cedar Street.

David Savu, Chair of the Senior Center Building Committee, was in support of Resolution #8-2019 for the Ishpeming Senior Center and hoped that it was approved by Council. He would like to reserve comment under item 10.

Shirley Tyne, 400 E. Empire Street, was in favor of the new location for the Senior Center on Greenwood Street.

Joe Pelkola, member of the Commission on Aging, was in favor of Resolution #8-2019.

Elyse Bertucci, Commission on Aging Director, was in favor of the new location and of Resolution #8-2019. She would like to reserve comment under item 10.

Travis Ryan, 736 Elliott Street, commented on the condition of the roads in the 8th Edition after the water project was completed. He felt additional work should be done on the roads as they were in poor condition after the project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT

Matt Cody would like to reserve comment under item 9, Catastrophic Water Loss Policy.

Kate Argall, 600 Mather Avenue, was not in favor of charging \$25 for a second door hanger left stating utilities had been shut off. She asked Council to reconsider and not charge this additional \$25.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented with the removal of Item 7g for discussion.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Closed Session April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Closed Session April 17<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Special Event Application: Ishpeming Community Events: Festival of Treasures – July 3, 2019
- d. Special Event Application: Ishpeming Community Events: Summer Concert Series – June – August

- e. Special Event Application: Race for the Red White and Blue: June 15, 2019
- f. Special Event Application: St. Vincent DePaul Friends of the Poor Walk- September 28, 2019
- g. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Brogies Tavern – 7/3; 8/2, 3, 17; 9/7, 21,
- h. Additional Street Closure request for the Gus Macker on June 14-16, 2019
- i. Declare the Toshiba E-Studio 3510C copier in the Zoning Administrators Office as surplus
- j. Rescind Ordinance #2-1300, Operation of Adult Businesses in the City of Ishpeming
- k. Rescind Ordinance #2-200, Prevent the Carrying of Concealed Weapons
- l. Payment of Invoice to Payne and Dolan for Cold Patch

Chief Snowaert was not comfortable approving dates through September for concerts as requested by Brogies Tavern. He did not foresee any problems with the events, but if there were some issues, future dates would already be approved, which could be a problem.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously approve the events but request Matt Dewitt, owner of Brogies, consult with the Chief of Police after each event to determine if there were any issues that arose, before the next event was scheduled.

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2019 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Street Funds, and Water and Sewer Fund.

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

#### NEW POLICY #305, CATASTROPHIC WATER LOSS POLICY

Matt Cody thanked Council for having this on the agenda tonight and felt a policy was needed for this type of loss.

There was discussion regarding the proposed Catastrophic Water Loss policy and allowing a one-time credit per meter; if the policy would be retroactive, the need for an appeal procedure, various water loss scenarios that could occur, what relief could be offered, the City recouping some of the cost, and requiring the account holder to have a radio-read water meter installed.

Councilmember Tonkin stated Council needed to consider what was best for the City and sometimes it was necessary to hold the account holder accountable.

Mayor Lehmann discussed this issue a few months ago to try and help citizens who may have a catastrophic event and wanted a policy to address this type of issue.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to table the new Catastrophic Water Loss policy until the next meeting and place the Cody's water bill in abeyance until the policy is resolved with no penalties or shutoffs applied.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to arrange a meeting with the Cody's including the City Manager, Councilmember Scanlon and Mayor Lehmann and work out an arrangement for the Cody's with regards to this issue.

#### RESOLUTION #8-2019, ISHPEMING SENIOR CENTER

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #8-2019 Proposed Location for the Ishpeming Senior Center as presented.

#### REVISION TO POLICY #304, UTILITY BILLING AND PAYMENT POLICY

Councilmember Scanlon would like to be in compliance with the Deficit Elimination Plan and charge for the door hangers. He felt a one-time door hanger fee of \$50.00 should be charged when a door hanger is necessary.

Councilmember Skauge was against charging a fee for the door hangers. There was discussion regarding if there should be charge for door hangers and if there was going to be a charge, how much it should be.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann and supported by Councilmember Bean to charge a \$25.00 fee when it is necessary for a door hanger to be placed at a residence. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmember Bean, Scanlon, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed

#### METRO ACT RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT FIVE YEAR EXTENSION

Manager Slown briefly explained the METRO Act right of way permit and what it involved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to extend the existing METRO Act permit for five years which is through October 31, 2024.

#### AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #4-400, DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Ordinance #4-400 as of the first reading.

#### REQUEST TO PURCHASE AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR FIRE, POLICE, AND DPW

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the Generac 16KW automatic generator for Fire, Police, and DPW from Wolverine Power Systems for the amount of \$11,089.98.

#### REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW VIDEO CAM STORAGE SERVER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was discussion regarding the need for the video cam storage server and the benefits of having it.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Tonkin and carried unanimously to accept the proposal for the new video cam storage server from 906 Technologies but include the entire City; and, to waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager.

#### GLEN SEABORG MATERIALS TO BE DISPLAYED BY ISHPEMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Manager Slown advised he would like to loan these items to the Ishpeming Historical Society so the items could be displayed. An inventory was done by Karen Kasper of the Historical Society.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to direct the Manager to loan the Glen Seaborg materials to the Ishpeming Historical Society to be displayed.

#### PROPOSED CITY OF ISHPEMING VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Councilmember Bean discussed developing a vision and mission statement for the City of Ishpeming which could be used in conjunction with sustainability discussion and development of budgets. She would like to have further discussion, which would include Planning Commission input and public input, before a final vision and mission statement was adopted.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to proceed with the concept of development of a mission and vision statement, and include Planning Commission input, with guidance from Councilmember Bean.

#### SCHEDULE A 2020 GOALS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WORKSHOP

Councilmember Scanlon asked that a special meeting be scheduled to discuss personnel vacancies instead of goals and capital improvements at this time. A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to schedule a special Council meeting for Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

#### HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT (HRA) AGREEMENT WITH 44 NORTH

There was some discussion regarding the Health Reimbursement Arrangement with 44 North and some of the language in the agreements.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with 44 North for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement for 2019.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Tonkin would like to have another budget/sustainability meeting scheduled after the 2018 audit was presented in June.

There was discussion regarding the Manager's position. Mayor Lehmann noted Manager Slown's last day was June 5<sup>th</sup> and only one application was received and he felt the search should be broadened.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Tonkin to spend no more than \$1500 and to also place the ad on Indeed and LinkedIn with the assistance of Councilmember Bean; and, extend the deadline for applications for the Manager's position. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmember Bean, Scanlon, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Scanlon commended the police department for the fantastic job they were doing in continuing to handle drug related issues even with the Department being short staffed.

Mayor Lehmann advised Jim Blewett from Jim's Foods asked about the collapsed building in the alley by his business and was wondering the timeline for this to be taken care of. Manager Slown advised a letter was sent to the owner and the owner has 60 days to take action on cleaning up the demolished building. Staff will continue to work on resolving this issue.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to establish a commendation award either through the Beautification Committee or from Council for those citizens that are working on fixing up properties in the City.

Councilmember Bean received an inquiry from a citizen regarding the condition of the sidewalk on the 1200 block of Second Street after the water project and asked if that area could also be looked at as part of the punch list.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Tonkin reported he attended the Planning Commission meeting and discussion took place regarding the update to the Master Plan.

Councilmember Bean attended the School Board meeting, Planning Commission meeting, and RAMBA meeting; the West End Website launched last month, and she was concerned about having a negative perception of Ishpeming on social media and would like staff and Council to try and improve communication. Everyone needs to focus on the positive and less on the negative.

Mayor Lehmann attended the Blight Committee meeting and met with Senator McBroom at City Hall; and attended some personnel meetings at City Hall.

Councilmember Scanlon thanked Council because Council took action on everything he had been working on.

Councilmember Skauge attended the Central Dispatch Advisory Board meeting and the Housing Commission meeting. He noted all the high rise units were rented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown provided his update report and advised he received the packet from the Historical Society regarding the wall on Jasper Street and would provide a copy to Council.

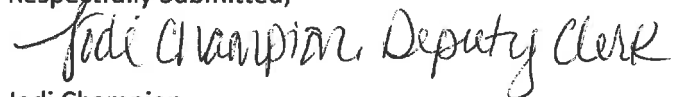
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff advised she was selected for the Statewide Work Group established to discuss recreational marijuana licensing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Jodi Champion in cursive script.

Jodi Champion  
Deputy Clerk