

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 5, 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

Jane Piirto, 318 Jasper Street, and also a member of the Historical Society, provide some background information on the Jasper Street Wall that was damaged during the Rural Development Water Project. She reviewed some of the report prepared by the Historical Society which was included in Council's packet and would answer any questions during that item.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, commented on the City Attorney's Employment Contract. She felt the attorney should remain a part-time position with no benefits provided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lehmann asked that item #10 Presentation from the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority be removed from the agenda and it would be rescheduled and item 7d should be taken off the consent agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the above changes.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented with the removal of item 7d for discussion.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 8th, 14th, and 29th, Closed Session May 14th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Special Event Application: Out of the Darkness, Suicide Prevention Walk: September 7, 2019
- d. Special Event Application-Temporary Liquor License: Shelly's Rainbow Bar: 7/3,4,5,6 & 8/24, 2019
- e. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Cognition: 7/3-7, 2019
- f. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: TeePee: 7/3,4,5,6, 2019
- g. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: Buzz the Gut: August 10, 2019
- h. Reappoint Christin Moffat to a five year term on the Cemetery Board
- i. Reappoint Sheri Johnson to a five year term on the Library Board
- j. Reappoint Norman Andrews to a three year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission
- k. Reappoint James Lampman to a three year term on the Building Authority

7d. Special Event Application for Shelly's Rainbow Bar – Chief Snowaert asked that this request be handled the same as previous requests and after the first event is evaluated, approval could be given for the second event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the request for Shelly's Rainbow Bar, but request Shelly Thibeault, consult with the Police Chief after the first event to determine if there were any issues, before the next event is scheduled.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for the period ending May 31, 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 Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to accept the monthly budget report as presented.

2018 AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION

Mike Greutz, Anderson Tackman and Company, presented the 2018 Audit. He briefly reviewed the fund balances in the various funds. There were two findings: first, there was a deficit in the Water Fund which was being addressed by the Deficit Elimination Plan and the second was the winter maintenance line item went over budget in the Major Street Fund. There was some brief discussion on how the Motor Pool Fund effected the General Fund. He advised the City was heading in the right direction and is continuing to move forward.

It was the consensus of Council to file the 2018 Audit Report.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Mayor Lehmann summarized his discussions with Finance Director James Lampman pertaining to appointment to the Interim City Manager. There would be an increase in compensation for the additional duties and responsibilities.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to appoint James Lampman as the Interim City Manager with a \$12,000/year increase in compensation which breaks down to an hourly rate of \$5.77/hour.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Updated Construction Schedule – Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, reviewed the two-week work schedule for the project.

b. Additional Work on the Rural Development Water Project- Mr. Fabbri advised, the first item, was the full storm sewer replacement on Division Street with a cost estimate of \$1,405,590. There was no funding for this project at this time. However, there were two sanitary laterals that cross Division Street that should be replaced at an approximate cost of \$70,000. This work was part of Contract III.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the replacement of the two sanitary laterals that cross Division Street for an approximate cost of \$70,000.

The second item was to install a two inch copper water service to a residence along the south side of Ready Street to allow abandonment of an old six inch water main located behind the houses on that road. Mr. Fabbri advised the cost of this was approximately \$40,725 which was part of Contract II.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the abandonment of the water main and install the copper water service to the residences on Ready Street in the amount of \$40,725.

The third item, was the concrete curb and gutter on Washington Street from Junction Street to “C” Street. This curb and gutter would be removed to allow for the new water main installation. The approximate cost was \$57,420.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the replacement of 2,200LFT of concrete curb and gutter on Washington Street from Junction Street to “C” Street to allow replacement of the water main for an approximate cost of \$57,420.

c. Change Order #11, Contract I- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #11 for Contract I as presented.

d. Change Order #11, Contract II- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #11 for Contract II as presented.

e. Rural Development Draw #17 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve submittal of Draw #17 to Rural Development.

REPORT FOR THE ISHPEMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY-JASPER STREET WALL

Discussion took place regarding reconstruction of the portion of the wall that was destroyed versus making the area a pocket park. The Historical Society would like to forego the pocket park and would like to work with various organization in attempt to seek funding for repairs to the wall and ask that the City not authorize a pocket park.

Councilmember Scanlon was not in favor of a pocket park at that location. Mayor Lehmann suggested A. Lindberg and Sons be contacted about a donation toward the repairs to the wall, instead of working on the pocket park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to support the Historical Society's plans for restoration of the wall.

A. LINDBERG AND SONS INVOICE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE PARK STREET LIFT STATION

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the invoice to A. Lindberg and Sons for their assistance with the Park Street Lift Station.

PURCHASE OF IN-CAR COMPUTERS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Snowaert explained this was submitted as a Capital Improvement Project and was for two computers and also mounting equipment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the request for two in-car computers and mounting equipment in the amount of \$9,995 as presented.

REQUEST TO SWITCH FROM SPECTRUM TO PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK FOR INTERNET AND PHONE SERVICE

Chief Snowaert and Finance Director Lampman explained the proposal was to switch from Spectrum to Peninsula Fiber Network city-wide. Staff recommends going with the 75 download speed estimate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve switching from Spectrum to Peninsula Fiber Network (75 download speed) for a cost of \$764/month.

SECOND READING OF 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 amendment to Ordinance #4-400, Disposal of Solid Waste, as of the second reading.

INVOICE FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES (INCODE) FOR DATA EXTRACTION FOR BS&A SOFTWARE

Finance Director Lampman advised Incode is requiring \$7,500 to release the City's data to BS&A for the conversion. Tyler Technologies is a closed system and does not work well with other companies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to authorize the payment of \$7,500 to Incode for the data extraction and recommend the City Attorney review any documents related to Incode.

DRAFT PARTICIPATION PLAN

Manager Slown advised the draft Participation Plan was a requirement of the Redevelopment Ready Communities effort and this draft plan met their requirements. This was presented to the Planning Commission and it was approved with the only change suggested being "Item 5. Tools" the lower case letters be changed to numbers to avoid confusion.

Councilmember Bean asked that 5(f) M-Use of various media be added to all the situation/projects listed in the "When to Use Tools" section.

Councilmember Skauge asked that charrette be defined.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the Public Participation Plan incorporating the above changes.

CONFIRM NO ACTION ON TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Tonkin and carried unanimously to send an email to Council advising of the location of the properties and if any property was of interest to purchase a special meeting would be called.

COMBINE THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BLIGHT COMMITTEE

There was discussion regarding each committee and people serving on each. It was the consensus of Council to place the Neighborhood Improvement Committee in abeyance temporarily and proceed with the Blight Committee. This could be reviewed again in a year.

CITY ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mayor Lehmann felt the issue of benefits for the City Attorney was an eligibility issue. There was discussion related to the number of hours worked, projects being worked on by the City Attorney, prioritization of projects, past agreements, and salary versus hourly employees.

Councilmember Skauge felt the current contract should be terminated; and then renegotiate a new agreement with the attorney. Councilmember Scanlon expressed concern regarding labor laws especially with terminating and renegotiating at this point.

Attorney Hoff provided a brief background on the hours she has been working over the past few years.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon to accept the amended employment contract for the City Attorney as proposed. Ayes: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean and Pat Scanlon (3). Nays: Councilmembers Stuart Skauge and Mike Tonkin (2). Motion passed.

SCHEDULE A 2020 GOALS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WORKSHOP

Manager Slown summarized the 2020 Goals and Capital Improvement Projects for 2020-2025.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Goals and Capital Improvement Projects as presented.

There was some discussion regarding goals. Mayor Lehmann established a committee of Councilmember Bean and Councilmember Skauge to work on development of goals.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Bean would like to revisit and continue to work on developing a Catastrophic Water Policy. Mayor Lehmann provided an update of his discussions with Senator McBroom on this topic. There was also discussion related to the City's out of pocket cost for water.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Skauge requested staff schedule a budget meeting in the near future. He would also like to begin paving some of the worst streets and asked staff to obtain a cost for paving; then a determination could be made on what streets could be paved.

Councilmember Scanlon asked that a sustainability discussion be combined with the budget meeting to be scheduled.

Finance Director Lampman advised the update to the Deficit Elimination Plan needed approval and was required to be sent to the Department of Treasury prior to the July meeting. He gave a brief overview of the Plan and what the projections of the Plan were.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the Deficit Elimination Plan as presented and submit the Plan to the Department of Treasury.

Councilmember Tonkin discussed the applications received for the City Manager position. He felt Jon Kangas would do a great job for the City and was the most qualified.

Councilmember Skauge felt, of all the applicants, Jon Kangas was the most qualified.

Councilmember Bean was concerned that Mr. Kangas did not have the leadership skills that the City needed. She felt the other two candidates were also very qualified with their education, however, they lacked experience. She felt the City was in need of a strong leader.

Councilmember Scanlon would like to see the hiring process followed through before a final decision was made.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tonkin and supported by Councilmember Skauge to hire Jon Kangas as the new City Manager. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmember Stuart Skauge and Mike Tonkin (3). Nays: Councilmember Lindsay Bean and Pat Scanlon (2). Motion passed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Tonkin attended the Planning Commission meeting and they discussed the update to the Master Plan; and the agreement with CUPPAD would be brought to Council for their assistance with the Plan update.

Councilmember Bean did not attend the School Board meeting; the Library Board meeting was cancelled due to no quorum; she attended the Planning Commission meeting and discussed with the Planning Commission the mission and vision statements for the City; helped with the Inspiration Orchard; and thanked Dan Perkins for all that he does for the community.

Mayor Lehmann attended the DDA meeting; stopped by the Inspiration Orchard project; went to cudigi-fest at the Red Earth Bike Race which was very well attended and a beautiful location for the event; and remembered D-Day.

Councilmember Scanlon discussed blight in the community and advised the Blight Committee would be meeting again in the near future; and, if allowed, would like to review any information in Jon Kangas' personnel file.

Councilmember Skauge reported the Spring Cleanup on Main Street went well and would like to have this event continued into the future.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge and supported by Councilmember Scanlon to hire a new DPW worker. Ayes: Councilmember Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (4). Nays: Mayor Karl Lehmann (1). Motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown thanked Council, staff, and the citizens of Ishpeming for allowing him the opportunity to serve the City of Ishpeming; he very much enjoyed serving and wished everyone the very best in the future.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

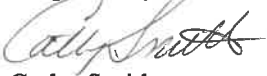
Attorney Hoff reported on the marijuana workshops that she had attended, worked on multiple pre-trial conferences, as well as attended multiple other meetings. LARA has expedited rules for the sale of marijuana and she suggested a public hearing be held to receive public input.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to schedule a public hearing for the August council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk