

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 10, 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 Interim City Manager James Lampman and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lowell Anderson, 724 Duncan Avenue expressed his concerns over a fire hydrant being placed in front of his property as part of the water improvement project. He would like the City to move the hydrant. He felt he should have been notified that a fire hydrant would be placed there. He further expressed concern over losing parking spaces by his residence.

John Becker, Ore to Shore, was present to answer any questions Council may have on the special event application for the Ore to Shore on August 10th, thanked Council for their continued support for the Ore to Shore, and thanked DPW and the Police Department for their assistance with the event.

Jane Piirto, 318 Jasper Street, thanked Council for agreeing to have the wall reconstructed versus a pocket park and hoped rock for the wall would be able to be obtained.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to remove items 13 and 14 from the agenda as they were not ready to be discussed.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 5th, 24th, and July 2nd)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: St. Rocco/St. Anthony Italian Fest: 7/27/19
- d. Special Event Application: Ore To Shore Mountain Bike Epic: 8/10/19
- e. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: VFW Bean Bag Brawl: 8/3/19
- f. Special Event Application: Swim Teal Lake: 7/27/19
- g. Special Event Application: Marquette Marathon: 8/31/19
- h. Travel and Recreation Association Investment Allocation Renewal
- i. Library Books and furniture declared as surplus
- j. Reappoint Sandy Arsenault to a four year term on the DDA

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Interim City Manager James Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending June 30th which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Streets Funds, and Water and Sewer Funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to accept the monthly financial statement report as presented.

2019 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There was discussion regarding the fund balance in the General Fund and the guidelines for the minimum amount that should be in Fund Balance. Also discussed was street paving and what could possibly be done with some of the fund balance in Major and Local Streets funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to accept the 2019 budget amendments as proposed.

DISCUSSION ON CITY MANAGER SEARCH

There was discussion on the three applicants that were interviewed for the City Manager position.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann and supported by Councilmember Scanlon to invite Fred Ventresco to Ishpeming for a second interview. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmembers Bean, Scanlon, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to have the Police Chief do a background check of the interviewees selected for a second interview.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Bean to invite Kelli Truver for a second interview. Ayes: Councilmember Bean and Scanlon (2). Nays: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmembers Skauge and Tonkin (3). Motion failed.

There was discussion regarding the wage range and benefit package for the City Manager position. Staff suggested a Committee be designated to determine the wage range and benefit package for the Manager.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann and supported by Councilmember Scanlon to appoint Councilmembers Scanlon and Bean to the Committee along with Interim City Manager Lampman to determine the wage range and benefit package for the City Manager position. Ayes: Mayor Lehmann, Councilmember Bean, Scanlon, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Change Order 12, Contract I- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #12 for Contract 1 as presented.

b. Change Order 12, Contract II- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #12 for Contract II as presented.

c. Rural Development Draw #18- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Rural Development Draw #18 as presented.

d. Change Order #7, Contract III- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #7 for Contract III as presented.

e. Pay Application #15, Contract III- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #15 for Contract III as presented.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION

a. Change Order #1- Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, explained the change order and advised it was included with the cost for the project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion Project as presented.

Pay Application #1 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #1 for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion as presented.

AUTHORIZE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ATTEND 2019 MERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SELECT DELEGATE

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to authorize Finance Director Lampman to attend the 2019 MERS Annual Conference and authorize him as the delegate for the City.

DISCUSS WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Lampman suggested a MERS Defined Contribution Plan be opened for the City Manager position versus a 457 Plan which had been used previously. Council did not wish to pursue this at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Tonkin noted many roads are in need of repair and he would like to pursue fixing some of the roads.

Mayor Lehmann asked for an update on the progress of UPPCO replacing some of the street lighting with LED; staff advised approximately 52 were completed.

Councilmember Scanlon noted he talked to a couple of masons regarding the Jasper Street wall and would continue to do some research.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Skauge presented a special event application for the Neighborhood Night Out applications that would be received the first two weeks of August.

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

Councilmember Scanlon would like to continue to focus on blight, but would also like to focus on the positive that citizens are doing in the community such as fixing up and beautifying their property.

Mayor Lehmann advised the Fourth of July Committee has asked St. Rocco/St. Anthony if the fireworks could be done after Italianfest since they were not able to be set off on the Fourth of July. They would like to get approval from Council to do so.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to have the Fourth of July fireworks set off after Italianfest on July 27th.

Councilmember Tonkin discussed implementing a spending freeze for the remainder of 2019.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Tonkin attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting; the Planning Commission meeting was cancelled, and he attended the Infrastructure meeting in Marquette.

Councilmember Bean attended the Community Assessment meeting which was very productive; attended the Library Board meeting; and rode with Council in the parade.

Mayor Lehmann participated in the Fourth of July parade; attended several meetings at City Hall, the meeting on the proposed new Senior Center; thanked Librarian Jesse Shirtz for all her work on the summer reading program and for providing such a wonderful program to the community.

Councilmember Scanlon noted he also participated in the parade and he attended the meetings regarding the Senior Center.

Councilmember Skauge thanked the Gus Macker Committee for a job well done; thanked staff for all their work for the Fourth of July festivities; and attended the Housing Commission meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Lampman thanked Librarian Shirtz for all her work on the summer reading program; thanked staff for all their assistance with the Fourth of July festivities; and thanked Council and staff for their support in his interim position.


ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported it was a very busy month with the MMRMA claims; and thanked Karen Kasper for all her efforts with the Historical Society and the Cemetery Tours.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk