

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Karl Lehmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Stuart Skauge, Pat Scanlon, and Mike Tonkin (4). Absent: Councilmember Lindsay Bean (1). Also present was Interim City Manager James Lampman.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

TRI-MEDIA COST PROPOSAL PARK STREET LIFT STATION

Interim City Manager Lampman explained this proposal was for survey work at the Park Street lift station to accurately determine what portion of the property the City would need to purchase for the lift station. One bid was received from Tri-Media for the work in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to accept the bid received from Tri-Media Environmental and Engineering in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500 pending review of the agreement by the City Attorney.

DIVISION STREET CONSTRUCTION – STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

Interim City Manager Lampman explained MDOT was required to replace the handicapped corners on the sidewalks and the conduit for the street lighting was under the sidewalk at some locations and was damaged causing some of the street lights not to work on Division Street. Staff, GEI Consultants, and J&N Electric met with MDOT to discuss this and felt that MDOT should pay for the cost of the repair to the wiring that was damaged; but MDOT would not.

Jason Niemi, J&N Electric, advised that the cost is unknown at this point; it would depend on what was found when repairs began.

Council felt this cost should be covered by MDOT; that the City should not be responsible for the cost of repairs. Council felt the State Representatives should be contacted to discuss this issue; however, the repairs needed to be made so J&N should be authorized to proceed with the repairs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to authorize J&N Electric to fix the conduit and get the street lights working and then the City would pursue reimbursement from MDOT; and, to waive competitive bidding in the best interest of the City on the recommendation of the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 a.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk