

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Tonkin, Council Members Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Excused: Mayor Karl Lehmann (1). Also present were Interim City Manager James Lampman and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Perkins, 500 W. Division Street, encouraged Council, when hiring a new city manager, to consider a candidate that would have a vision for the City of Ishpeming and continue to move the City forward; he asked Council to not be distracted by citizens in the community who are negative. He would like to see Council and the new manager create a town that supports kids and encourages leadership.

David Savu, 224 N. Davis Street, and Chair of the Building Committee asked that the agenda be amended to include the report prepared by the County Building Codes Department for discussion. He reviewed the letter from Building Official Paul Knox. He advised the Commission on Aging Board met and adopted a motion proposing to share in the remediation cost of the Senior Center with the City, if agreed to by the City, up to a maximum cost of \$25,000 with a matching contribution from the City. He reviewed the appeal period timelines.

Elyse Bertucci, 529 N. Lake Street and the Director of the Ishpeming Senior Center, gave a brief overview of the services provided by the Senior Center. She was concerned about being able to provide these services at a different location.

Kevin Swanson, 106 W. Euclid Street, asked if the City would forgive a portion of their August water bill which was \$777.81. He had a plumber check for leaks at his residence and DPW printed out a meter report and no leak was found. He gave a brief summary of his discussions with DPW and City Hall staff and expressed concern over phone messages not being returned in a timely manner.

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 - 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.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (August 7th, August 21st)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Declare 356 library books as surplus property
- d. Declare library computer equipment as surplus property
- e. Declare computer equipment at City Hall as surplus property
- f. Special Event Application and Parade Permit – Ishpeming High School Homecoming: 10-4-19
- g. Reappointment of Kathy Mathias and Victor DePaoli to 3 year terms on the Commission on Aging

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Interim Manager Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending August 31th 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 Bean and carried unanimously to accept the monthly budget report as presented.

AGREEMENT WITH LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Mary Myers, Director of Business Development with the Lake Superior Community Partnership, advised the current agreement between the City and the Partnership had expired, and she reviewed the new agreement including the tasks that would be provided by the LSCP for 2019-2020. She was working on marketing the Malton Road area and has talked to some developers but would like to meet with Council or staff to continue to work on a development plan.

Councilmembers felt there had not been enough marketing of the Malton Road area.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to renew the agreement with Lake Superior Community Partnership in the amount of \$2,707. Ayes: Councilmember Bean and Councilmember Skauge (2). Nays: Councilmember Scanlon and Mayor Pro Tem Tonkin (2). Motion failed.

LEASE WITH THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE FOR SPACE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

Interim Manager Lampman explained the County Sheriff's Department Rescue 131 and Search and Rescue were looking for space to house their equipment as their lease with the State Police Post was ending. It would be a one year lease for 80% of the pole barn located on Carson Road. The County would provide leasehold improvements and pay electric and propane costs, with a lease rate of \$800 per month. The City would plow access to the site as warranted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to agree with the terms as presented for a lease with the County of Marquette for the space in the pole barn on Carson Road.

MDOT STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (5 YEAR)

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the five (5) year State Trunkline Maintenance Agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation as presented.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Change Order #14, Contract II- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #14 for Contract II as presented.

b. Rural Development Draw #19 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Rural Development Draw #19 as presented.

c. Engineering Amendment No. 3 – Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, explained this amendment included additional work required for the storm sewer work performed on Second Street, additional hydrant replacements, additional water service construction, and work to provide bidding and procurement services for remote read water meter equipment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Amendment #3 for GEI Consultants Engineering contract as presented.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

a. Change Order #2 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion project as presented.

b. Pay Application #3 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve pay application #3 for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion project as presented.

COBRA ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

Interim Manager Lampman explained 44 North was no longer going to provide COBRA administration to clients and would like the City to enter into an agreement with Total Administrative Corporation (TASC) to provide seamless COBRA claims through 44 North. There would be no additional charge to the City through December 31, 2019 which

is the end of the contract with 44 North. The contract with TASC would be for one year beginning August 1st. By law the City is required to provide COBRA to employees.

City Attorney Hoff explained she did not approve of the contract with TASC because we were under contract with 44 North and COBRA Administration was part their contact.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to table this item.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE – TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the change to the traffic control orders designating the west side of Lake Street from the entrance to the Fire Hall and 20 feet to the south as no parking.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO POLICE RADIOS

Chief Snowaert advised the cost for the two new Motorola radios was included the 2019 Public Improvement Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of two new Motorola radios for the Police Department and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the Interim Manager.

PROCLAMATION – OCTOBER 2019 UNITED WAY MONTH

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the proclamation and declare October 2019 as United Way month.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Skauge reported on the findings of the Streets Committee (Councilmember Skauge and Tonkin) on the streets needing a mill and overlay: Empire from Third to First Street; First Street from Ely to Arch; Euclid from Main to First; Lake from Canda to Euclid; Cleveland Avenue from Fourth to Seventh; Seventh from Bank to Spring; New York to Bigelow; York from North to Vine; Main from Division to Bluff; Johnson from Main to Fourth; Marquette Street to Snow Street; Zoberline from Bluff to Ready; and Prairie from Jopling to Poplar. Brian Fabbri, from GEI Consultants, would check into approximate costs.

Councilmember Scanlon questioned the status of the Part time Office Assistant and a Part time Deputy Treasurer. City Clerk Smith advised no applications were received, but she would repost the positions and extend the deadline for applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bean questioned if there would be a public comment session or workshop for the City Council regarding recreational marijuana establishments; staff advised there would be a public input session at the Planning Commission meeting on September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Scanlon felt the parking area by the Police Department, for the patrol cars was in need of repairs and an estimate should be obtained for an approximate cost.

Bob Marietti presented a plan to Council to repave the stretch of the Heritage Trail between First and Second Streets. There would be no cost to the City. A. Lindberg and Sons would tear up the old concrete at no charge and he had donations and volunteer to replace the pavement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the replacement of pavement as presented by Mr. Marietti with no cost to the City.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Skauge reported Lindberg and Sons were repairing yards effected by the water project on Cleveland Avenue and in the Eight Addition; he also noted there was a wonderful turnout for the Labor Day Festivities.

Councilmember Scanlon thanked Dan Perkins for his comments and he would continue on working to move the City forward; and was still searching for a mason to work on the Jasper Street wall.

Councilmember Bean attended the Library Board meeting and advised she was out of town for work several days during the month of August.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Lampman provided a written report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reminded everyone of the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, September 9th where there would be a public input session on recreational marijuana establishments in the City; and congratulated Karen Kasper for a successful Historical Society Cemetery tour again this year.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge and supported by Councilmember Scanlon to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiations connected with a collective bargaining agreement at 9:05 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon to return to open session at 9:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

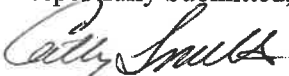
A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Bean to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State Statute at 9:42 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, and Pat Scanlon (3). Nays: Councilmember Stuart Skauge (1). Motion failed. Four votes were needed to go into closed session.

There was no action taken. This item would be placed on a special meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk