

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Karl Lehmann called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Stuart Skauge, Pat Scanlon, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present was Interim City Manager James Lampman and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT

Elyse Bertucci, Director of the Ishpeming Senior Center, asked if the County could be contacted requesting the deadline to vacate the Senior Center be extended from August 19<sup>th</sup> until the end of October. This would allow additional time to locate a new facility to operate their services.

AWARD BID FOR ICE CONTROL SAND

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to waive competitive bidding and award the ice control sand to Carlson-Loy and Company for 2019, 2020, and 2021 for a cost of \$10.57/cubic yard.

COBRA AGREEMENT

Interim City Manager Lampman explained 44 North would no longer be doing COBRA administration and they arranged the services to be provided by Total Administrative Services Corporation (TASC) at no additional charge to the City through the end of 2019. TASC was requiring the City to sign a contract.

Attorney Hoff advised this was a service under the 44 North contract and should be provided by 44 North. There was no requirement for the City to sign a contract with TASC.

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

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Mayor Lehmann to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiations connected with a collective bargaining agreement at 2:36 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

Returned to open session at 3:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann and supported by Councilmember Scanlon to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State Statute at 3:04 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Karl Lehmann, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, and Pat Scanlon, and Mike Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilmember Stuart Skauge (1). Motion passed.

Returned to open session at 3:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Lehmann, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to comply with the recommendation from the County Building Inspector and proceed with the eviction of the Senior Center and make every effort to get additional moving time from the County.


Councilmember Scanlon felt there were many good suggestions for a temporary location for the Senior Center and none were acceptable to the Director. He noted it was known by everyone that after the County Building Inspector performed his inspection, closing the building was a definite possibility. Interim City Manager Lampman advised the County was looking for a plan from the City for closure of the building.

There was discussion on the possible temporary locations for the senior center such as the VFW, Tilden Township Hall, Phelps Square, and the old Bell Clinic by off Malton Road, and utilizing some of the meeting room space at City Hall so programs could continue for the seniors. Council felt the Senior Center staff should begin packing contents immediately. Every effort should be made to be out of the building by the deadline given by the County. Council was discouraged over the lack of interest in any of the suggestions for a temporary facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:30 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk