

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, October 28, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers, Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon and Stuart Skauge (4). One vacancy (1). Also present was Finance Director James Lampman (Acting City Manager). Attorney Bonnie Hoff was absent.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

REQUEST TO WAIVE UTILITY BILL FROM MARQUETTE COUNTY LANDBANK FOR 314 CANDA ST  
This item was removed from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF RELOCATION PLAN FOR THE GREATER ISHPEMING COMMISSION ON AGING  
Councilmember Scanlon summarized discussions with the MEDC and Peter VanSteen from CUPPAD in developing the Relocation Plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the Relocation Plan under Section 104(D) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended) as it was presented.

2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Finance Director Lampman reviewed the budget message including the expected financial position ending 2019; the proposal for 2020, and financial problems and opportunities. The challenges continue as expenditures continue to grow with revenues remaining the same. Personnel and fringe benefits are the largest expenses.

There was discussion regarding the General Fund shortfall, the creation of the Motor Pool fund and how it affected the General Fund; the Garbage Fund; and the cost of utilizing the County of Marquette for assessing services. Also discussed was the continued challenges with MERS and health care costs. Council and staff also talked about various options to increase revenues; such as, a Headlee over-ride which would require a vote, levying one mill for library which could be done with a vote; and looking at possible changes to the fee structure.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to schedule the next budget workshop for Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Library, Fire, Police, Lake Bancroft, and Building Authority budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:04 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk