

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers, Lindsay Bean (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Pat Scanlon and Stuart Skauge (4). One vacancy (1). Also present was Interim City Manager Steven Snowaert, Finance Director James Lampman, and Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

PROPOSED NMU FIBER ROUTE TO WATER TANK

Interim City Manager Snowaert advised NMU has provided the route they would like to use to run fiber to the water tank. The proposed route was all on City property, however, Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator, would like to record a utility easement.

Eric Smith, Director of Broadcast and AV Services at Northern Michigan University, explained fiber should be completed within the next 3-5 days. NMU would have no issues with signing a utility easement for the fiber.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to grant a utility easement for the route for fiber to the water tank for the NMU Education Access Network.

2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Finance Director Lampman provided Council with the 2018 budget to actual numbers which would indicate saving and/or overages in each budget. He also provided various graphs and charts.

There was discussion regarding the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and the Cemetery Care Fund and the restrictions on the use of those funds. The regulations for these funds were outlined in the Charter, Ordinance, and various State Statutes. Also talked about was a Charter revision/amendment and the process involved. Council directed Attorney Hoff to review options for the Cemetery Funds.

Council discussed various options to increase revenue such as a library millage and the possibility of placing a Headlee Override on the ballot.

Kelsey Boldt, Interim Library Director, answered questions regarding the proposed 2020 Library budget. Discussion ensued regarding the part time salaries line item at the Library, utilities, and cleaning services. Public Improvements for the Library were discussed along with the Library Special Fund. No changes were made to the Library budgets.

Ed Anderson briefly reviewed the Fire Department budget included Fire Department Public Improvements. No changes were made.

Finance Director Lampman reviewed the Lake Bancroft budget which basically included the pavilion that was substantially complete and also explained the Building Authority budget. No changes were made to either budget.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk