

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (5). Also present were Interim City Manager Steve Snowaert and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda as presented.

AGENDA COMMENT – Tyler Gauthier reserved comment under the Fat-ish Bike Race and the Ishpeturnkey Trot.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented with the removal of item 7e for discussion.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 9th, 23rd, 28th, 31st, November 4th, 5th, Closed Session October 9th, 23rd, and 31st)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Special Event Application: NMU Open Ski Race: 12/14&15; NCAA Regional Ski Championship: 2/21-23, 2020
- d. Special Event Application: Ishpeming Community Events: Christmas Parade, Sleigh Rides and Visits with Santa
- e. Special Event Application: Ishpeturnkey Trot: November 28, 2019 (*Removed for discussion*)
- f. Reappoint Angelo Bosio to 3 year term on the Wastewater Treatment Board
- g. Reappoint John Jackson to a 3 year term on the Negaunee/Ishpeming Water Authority
- h. Reappoint John Jackson to a 3 year term on the Housing Appeals Board

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending October 31st 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 Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Tonkin closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: FAT-ISH BIKE RACE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH AND THE ISHPETURKEY TROT ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

Tyler Gauthier advised the Ishpeturnkey Trot will be held on November 28th; however, they would like to have a route change for the event which would include the closure of a portion of Division Street. DPW Director Petersen advised this would not be an issue and DPW would obtain a permit from MDOT.

Matthew Block, Go-Get Outside Program, advised the Fat-Ish Bike Race was one of many different events that Go-Get Outside sponsors and the proceeds go to help the community and people in need.

Tyler Gauthier advised they were expecting the Fat-ish Bike Race to be a much bigger event than last year. He noted 100% of the proceeds were given back to the community and people in need; he noted any dollars that were saved on

fees to utilize AI Quaal for the event would be dollars that would be given back to the community. The fee charged last year was \$600.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to support both events: the Ishpeturkey Trot with confirmation from DPW and the Police Department on the route change and the Fat-ish Bike Race with a fee for the usage of AI Quaal to be determined.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY TREASURER TO PLACE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON TAX ROLL

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to authorize the City Treasurer to place the delinquent utility billing charges on the December 1, 2019 property tax billings as special assessments.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Change Order #14, Contract I – Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, advised this was not ready for action.

b. Change Order #16, Contract II- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order 16 for Contract II as presented.

c. Rural Development Draw #21 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Rural Development Draw #21 as presented.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

a. Pay Application #5- A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #5 to GE Builders for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion Project.

There was discussion regarding the status of the project, the remaining grant funds and donated funds, and the bid received from Stonehouse Window and Door for the installation of the garage doors. Also discussed was the possibility of receiving additional donated dollars from Eagle Mine.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to award the bid to Stonehouse Window and Door for the installation of garage doors in the amount of \$25,696 and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the Interim City Manager.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to purchase 12 picnic tables from Global Industrial in the amount of \$8,732 plus \$1,500 shipping with the approve from the DNR.

UPDATE ON THE FIRE TOWER REPAIRS

Interim City Manager Snowaert explained the problems with the brick that was occurring on the Fire Tower. Fire Chief Anderson contacted GEI Consultants, OHM Advisors, and Closner Construction. Closner Construction provided and estimate of \$10,000 to secure the brick.

There was discussion regarding the deteriorating brick on the tower, the entrances that should be used to enter the Police Department and Department of Public Works for safety reasons, and the original work that was done on the tower.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to proceed with wrapping the brick on the Fire Tower where it is deteriorating for the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 as proposed by Closner Construction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CHANGES

Interim City Manager Snowaert announced the Fire Chief Ed Anderson was at the end of his term as Fire Chief; the new Fire Chief would be Jason Annala. Mr. Annala was requesting a change in personnel structure. He would like to eliminate the Secretary and have two Assistant Fire Chief's to help with the work to be performed by the Chief. This would be effective January 1, 2020. Chief Anderson would not be retiring from the Fire Department he was just stepping down as Chief.

Councilmembers and staff thanked Fire Chief Anderson for his 12 years of service as Chief.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARIJUANA WORKSHOP

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the Marijuana Workshop for Wednesday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Cost Estimates for Paving – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to table this item until a future meeting and the Streets Committee meets again.

Councilmember Scanlon advised the Ishpeming Senior Center was now located in Phelps Square; the Blight Committee was continuing to meet; and staff was continuing to work on IT needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Scanlon welcomed new Councilmember Jason Chapman.

Interim City Manager Snowaert noted Councilmember Skauge would now be Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bean congratulated Jason Chapman on his appointment; noted the Greater Ishpeming Chamber of Commerce presented the Business of the Year to Gauthier Insurance; and she thanked Gauthier Insurance for all they do for the community.

Councilmember Skauge advised the Housing Commission was working on health insurance for their employees.

Mayor Tonkin attended several meeting throughout the month of October.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Snowaert welcomed Councilmember Chapman; and advised he provided a written report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff was continuing to work on historical projects; and welcomed Councilmember Chapman.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(c) FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS CONNECTED WITH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

A ` was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Skauge to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiations connected with a collective bargaining agreement at 8:22 p.m. and to include Finance Director Lampman in closed session. Ayes: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

Returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(d) TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Skauge to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to consider purchase or lease of real property at 9:41 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (5). Nays: None (0). Motion passed.

Returned to open session at 9:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate with the property owner.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:49 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk