

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

AGENDA COMMENT – Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, reserved comment under the 2020 Budget.

ESTABLISH NEW POLLING LOCATION FOR PRECINCT #2 – ST. JOHN’S CHURCH KD HALL

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to establish the new Precinct #2 polling location in the City of Ishpeming to be St. John’s the Evangelist Church – KD Hall located on 325 S. Pine Street in Ishpeming; this replaces the Ishpeming Senior Center location.

APPOINT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BLIGHT COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to direct Mayor Tonkin to appoint Councilmember Chapman to both the DDA and the Blight Committee.

POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the tentative agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan Union as presented.

2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Interim City Manager Snowaert clarified the initial request from the Library regarding the part time line item. The Library was not looking to add another part time employee; they wanted to offer more hours to the two existing part time positions. The current employees in the part time positions were very qualified and an asset to the library and it would be beneficial to keep the employees and help with coverage.

There was discussion among Council and staff regarding the part time line item as well as the carpeting project in the Public Improvement Fund (PIF). The carpeting project totaling \$4,000 was eliminated from the Library’s PIF budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to increase the part-time line item from \$14,000 to \$21,000 with \$2,000 coming from savings in various line items and \$5,000 from Fund Balance.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, asked the Council to act in the best interest of the City of Ishpeming and if serious cuts needed to be made they should be made. In reviewing the budget, she found \$117,000 in cuts. She also spoke regarding hours of operation at the Library.

Robin Baird, 107 E. Canda Street, urged the Council to make the tough cuts needed in the best interest of the City of Ishpeming.

Interim City Manager Snowaert reviewed the Police Department budget including the General Fund and projects in the Public Improvement Fund.

Mayor Tonkin noted the leased vehicle payments were not included in the 2020 proposed budget.

Carl Petersen, DPW Director, reviewed the budget for DPW which included the Public Improvement Fund. Conversation followed regarding the roof on the DPW garage; the Park Street Lift Station, and the Motor Pool Fund.

Council discussed the General Fund and the possibilities for increasing revenues and additional reductions in expenses.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Bean to schedule the next Budget meeting for Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Councilmembers Bean, Chapman, and Skauge (4). Nays: Councilmember Scanlon (1). Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk