

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, November 25, 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, Jason Chapman, Pat Scanlon and Stuart Skauge (5). Also present was Interim City Manager Steven Snowaert and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Interim City Manager Snowaert advised the deficit in the General Fund was reduced to \$143,085 due to a reduction in the estimate for City health care costs. The revised General Fund budget also included the changes to the Library part time staffing and along with the Library Public Improvement Fund. The lease payments for the Police Department vehicles were also added to the Public Improvement Fund.

Estimated revenues in the Perpetual Care Fund were revised but staff was still researching change financial advisors for the fund.

Discussion took place among Council and staff regarding the proposed 2020 budget and options to increase revenues and reduce expenses. Also discussed was what the fund balance in the General Fund should be and what it should be below.

Councilmember Skauge suggested the City take back the garbage pickup and this would also increase personnel at DPW; and, to research the number of street lights needed versus the number we currently have to reduce electrical costs.

Councilmember Scanlon and Bean felt Council needed to find way to increase revenues for the City and not by cutting services and staff.

Council would like to have a budget meeting for the first quarter of 2020.

The City Attorney position was discussed. Some Councilmembers questioned if there was a need for a full-time City Attorney which included benefits and felt this should be further researched.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk