

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

a. Change Order #14 – Contract I - A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #14 for Contract 1 and presented.

b. Rural Development Draw #22 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Rural Development Draw #22 as presented.

c. Change Order #8 – Contract III- A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #8 for Contract III as presented.

d. Pay Application #17 –Contract III – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #17 for Contract III as presented.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

a. Change Order #3 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion as presented.

B. Pay Application #6 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #6 for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion as presented.

2020 City of Ishpeming Health Insurance Coverage

Interim City Manager Snowaert advised representatives from 44 North and from MESSA were present to explain the insurance plans and COBRA administration.

Councilmember Skauge noted the HRA was an estimate and the number given by MESSA was an actual number of the health care expense for the City.

Also discussed was the COBRA agreement with TASC that was proposed by 44 North. Attorney Hoff advised she received a new agreement from 44 North for COBRA Administration through BASIC and that agreement was acceptable.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Chapman to rescind the motion made at the December 4, 2019 meeting to sign the agreement with MESSA for health insurance coverage. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Councilmembers Bean, Chapman, and Scanlon (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the maximum out of pocket expenses for employees outlined by both 44 North and MESSA.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean and supported by Councilmember Chapman to accept the 2020 renewal for health insurance coverage with 44 North. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Councilmembers Bean, Chapman, and Scanlon (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT- At 5:38 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman to adjourn the meeting and enter into a work session for the workshop on the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act Regulations.

Councilmember Scanlon and Skauge were excused.

WORK SESSION

WORKSHOP ON THE MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA ACT REGULATIONS  
City Attorney Hoff explained the regulations for medical marijuana versus the regulations for recreational marijuana. There was considerable discussion among Council regarding the State regulations; various licenses the City could allow to be applied for; areas were manufacturing and/or distributing could be an allowable activity; and what ordinances would have to be rescinded or adopted to move forward with medical or recreational marijuana.

This item would be added to the January agenda.

The work session concluded at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk