

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers, Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, and Pat Scanlon (4). Absent: Councilmember Stuart Skauge (1). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini and City Attorney was excused.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

DISCUSS RESULTS OF SURVEY/POLL

Councilmember Bean advised the survey did not have a good response. The four businesses that responded were Brogies, Jasper Ridge, Venice, and Cognition and they were interested in having music and outdoor activities. Bob Hendrickson from the Chamber of Commerce would like to consider having a sidewalk sale on July 3rd. He indicated there were a few businesses interested.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to close the sidewalk on Main Street between Pearl Street and Division Street for July 3rd for a sidewalk sale.

DISCUSS A POTENTIAL PLAN FOR THE JULY 4TH VENUES/CLOSURES BASED ON SURVEY RESULTS

DISCUSS POTENTIAL FOR OTHER CITY VENUES/CLOSURES BASED ON SURVEY RESULTS

There was discussion related to possible venues and street closures for the Fourth of July for businesses to have outdoor seating.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to grant the Manager and the Chief of Police or designee authorization to approve outside areas to expand the sales area for businesses as they are requested for the Fourth of July.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

Venice Pub & Pizzeria – There was some brief discussion regarding the request for outdoor seating at the Venice.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the special event application as presented for July 2 through July 5th.

Brogies – There was discussion regarding the request to utilize outdoor seating through October 31st using the parking spaces in front of Brogies. Detective Chad Radabaugh had some safety concerns regarding using the spaces if the entire road was not blocked off. There was also discussion regarding the special event application for July 3rd and 4th for outdoor seating.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the Special Event for July 3rd and 4th until 2:00 a.m. and close the entire block; the application for using the parking spaces in front of the Brogies through October 31st will have to be reapplied for after the Fourth of July event.

RENTAL INSPECTION CORRESPONDENCE

Manager Cugini advised he received an email from William Malmsten, a landlord in Ishpeming, regarding rental inspections beginning in the City. Mr. Malmsten felt it was not a good idea because it would pose a COVID threat to his tenants and he felt they should be postponed. Manager Cugini recommended the City continue with inspections but take health precautions.

There was discussion regarding using booties, gloves and masks during inspections and the possibility of allowing a one-time opt out for not having an inspection.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to continue rental inspections with using personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, and booties) and create a form

giving the option for the tenant or landlord to have a one-time opt out and deny entry for the inspection due to possible COVID exposure or if the tenant is feeling sick.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UP ENGINEERS/ARCHITECTS: LAKE BANCROFT

Manager Cugini explained he would like to enter into a service agreement with UPEA to research potential grant opportunities for restoration of Lake Bancroft and also develop a conceptual plan for restoration.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to move forward with Lake Bancroft improvements and sign the agreement with UP Engineers and Architect in the amount of \$7,500.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 a.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Champion
Deputy Clerk