

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers with zoom meeting also being offered. 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 was City Manager Craig Cugini. The City Attorney was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, felt the water rates for the City was too high, expressed her concern with the condition of some of the roads in the City and the blighted property on Maurice Street, and also felt the Council should not have included a gym membership and a vehicle allowance in the City Manager's employment agreement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was no agenda comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 3rd and 25th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Reappoint David Aro to a four-year term on the Downtown Development Authority
- d. Library declare 1,504 books and 19 items as surplus property

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending June 30th which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Street Funds, and Water and Sewer Funds. Finance Director Lampman advised the audit report deadline was extended and is due 7/30/2020.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

REQUEST FOR 2020 LIMITED PERMANENT OUTDOOR SERVICE AREA PERMISSION APPLICATIONS

a. Bogies Tavern

There was discussion regarding the request from Brogie's to utilize the grass area to south of the building for limited outdoor seating. Councilmember Skauge was concerned the area would not be large enough. Also discussed was ensuring control when the outside seating was being used.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the request from Brogie's Tavern for a 2020 limited permanent outdoor service area as requested.

VISIONING CONCEPTS

Manager Cugini presented visioning concepts for various locations in the City that could possibly be funded through grant opportunities.

Cedar Beach Improvement were discussed to potentially include a boat launch, walking trails, and a beach. The old dump on Malton Road could be turned into a motocross and snowmobile race track and a campground. The old Senior Center location on Division Street could be a soccer field, skateboard park and ice rink and could also be used as a market place.

NEW SENIOR CENTER FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

a. Permission to use MMRMA Net Asset Distribution and the 1% Site Plan Review Fee

Manager Cugini suggested adding a fire suppression system to the new Senior Center building and using the MMRMA net asset distribution and the 1% site plan review fee to cover the cost of the fire suppression system.

Mayor Tonkin expressed concern over spending dollars on the fire suppression system because additional cost me come up during the project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to use the MMRMA net asset distribution and the 1% plan review fee to put toward the fire suppression system for the Senior Center with the understanding that no dollars will come from the City budget.

CITY MANAGER QUARTERLY EVALUATION

Councilmember Scanlon and Bean advised they met with Manager Cugini and discussed the first quarterly performance evaluation on June 12, 2020. There was discussion among the Council regarding the evaluation and the form used. Suggestions were made on how to improve the form for the next quarterly evaluation. Manager Cugini's overall performance evaluation score was 3.75.

RESOLUTION #10-2020, SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE

After some brief discussion on the proposed resolution, a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to adopt resolution #10-2020 as read post two poster size copies of the resolution at City Hall.

BID AWARD: FIRE HALL RAMP REPLACEMENT

There was discussion among Council and staff regarding the Fire Hall Ramp Replacement bids received. It was felt by Council that the project should be awarded to the local company, Moyle Trucking and Excavating instead of the low bidder with the difference only being \$400.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to award the bid to Moyle Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$16,900 since they were a local company.

DPW GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT

Manager Cugini advised only one bid was received for this project. Dan Perkins, Perkins Roofing, explained the material to be used and how the project would be completed; and further advised there was a 20-year full warranty with a life expectancy of 40 years. There was discussion among Council as the scope of the project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to award the bid to Dan Perkins Roofing with the understanding that the project will be completed this year and will have a 20-year full warranty with a life expectancy of 40 years; and to include 2 layers of ice shield to the project.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Director Lampman reminded Council that due to COVID-19 credit card fees were waived in March. Currently the cost of waiving those fees was \$6,291.77. He asked if Council still wished to waive the fees.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously that effective 7/15/2020 the City will begin to charge again for the use of credit cards to pay bills.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Scanlon was pleased with the performance of City Manager Cugini.

Council Member Skauge reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting for the new Lake Bancroft Pavilion on July 10th.

Councilmember Bean was pleased with the turnout at the sidewalk day in the downtown on during the 4th of July; she also discussed business who received grant dollars for COVID-19.

Councilmember Chapman felt Craig was doing a great job and was pleased with the employment agreement; discussed the political election signs.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cugini advised he provided his written quarterly report to Council. He advised Father Ryan Ford from St. John the Evangelist Church was working a project to assist people in need.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – There was no attorney report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Holm
DPW Office Manager