

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, August 5, 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 and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Cugini read into the record a letter received from Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, regarding time requirements for erecting and removing political campaign signs as per Ordinance 8-400 and her concerns with political signs currently being displayed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – There was no agenda comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 8, 2020)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Library Declare 161 books and 4 items as surplus property

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending July 31<sup>st</sup> which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Street Funds, and Water and Sewer Funds.

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

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

a. Confirmation of Special Event Application for Thursday Night Concert Series on Main Street: July/August

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to confirm the approval of the Special Event Application for the Thursday Night Concert Series on Main Street for July and August.

b. UP City Fest – Life Light Communications, Inc.: August 14 and 15, 2020 - Manager Cugini briefly explained the proposed event to be held at Al Quaal.

Dr. Matthew Songer, representative for City Fest, explained the site plan and the Safety (COVID) Plan that they have developed for the event. This event is supported by local churches and has taken place in 6 other cities which went over very well. He advised there would be two separate shows with each show lasting 2 hours.

There was discussion among Council, Dr. Songer, and staff regarding the specifics of the event and the safety precautions that would be used in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the event with the understanding that the Safety Plan as outlined in the application will be followed, unless the COVID-19 situation changes or the Executive Order changes.

c. Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce: Lake Bancroft Art and Craft Fair: September 19/20, 2020  
After some brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the special event application from the Ishpeming Negaunee Chamber of Commerce for the Art and Craft Fair at Lake Bancroft Park on September 19 and 20, 2020 unless the situation with COVID changes.

d. Royal Pub: 7/31/202- 10/31/2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the request from the Royal Pub to use the side yard on the west side of the building for outdoor seating through October 31, 2020.

#### 2019 AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION

It was the consensus of Council to request staff set up a special meeting for the 2019 Audit presentation.

#### GEI CONSULTANTS – PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PARK STREET LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT AND BELL HOSPITAL PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, reviewed the proposal submitted by GEI Consultants for engineering services for the replacement of the Park Street Lift Station and replacement of the pumps at the Bell Hospital Lift Station. He explained if the Bell Hospital Lift Station improvements were included with the Park Street Lift Station Improvements there would be a deduction of \$3,000 from the quote of \$49,400.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the proposal from GEI Consultants for the Park Street Lift Station and the Bell Hospital Lift Station in the amount of \$46,400 which includes the deduction of \$3,000.

#### PROCLAMATION FOR RAY LEVERTON DAY IN THE CITY OF ISHPEMING

Manager Cugini read the proclamation for Ray Leverton Day being September 9<sup>th</sup> in the City of Ishpeming. He also advised, this was Ray's birthday and the next regularly schedule Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to declare September 9<sup>th</sup> as Ray Leverton Day in the City of Ishpeming.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to reschedule the September 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting at 7:00 pm to September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

#### SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENTS

a. St. John's and St. Joseph's Parishes – Father Ryan Ford - Manager Cugini reviewed the proposed service support agreement and what it entailed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the service support agreement between the City and St. John's and St. Joseph Parishes subject to approval of the language by the City Attorney.

b. Partridge Creek Farm – Manager Cugini reviewed the proposed service support agreement with Partridge Creek Farm. He further explained, Dan Perkins was requesting the water bill for the meter charges for the gardens on Euclid Street be forgiven. There was no water used during that time, the charge was only the minimum water charge for a meter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the service support agreement with Partridge Creek Farms subject to approval of the language by the City Attorney and forgive the bill for the meter charge for the garden on Euclid Street as requested as this was seasonal usage for the garden and no water was used during that time.

CITY RENTALS AND LARGE OUTDOOR GATHERINGS – COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-160

Manager Cugini advised the rentals that were scheduled had been cancelled. There was some additional discussion related to the cost of clean up and the new pavilion versus the lodges.

2021-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Manager Cugini reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for 2021 through 2026 and the goals for 2021. The Planning Commission also reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to accept the Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2026 as presented.

COUNTYWIDE TRANSITION: RESIDENTIAL DUAL TO SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Manager Cugini explained the Landfill will be transitioning from dual stream recycling to single stream recycling. Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> and until approximately October 15<sup>th</sup>, the County Landfill will no longer be accepting recycling. He recommended citizens hold their recycling until recycling is accepted in October.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to not offer recycling for the period September 1<sup>st</sup> through approximately October 15<sup>th</sup> until the Landfill begins to accept single stream recycling.

CAMERA SYSTEM UPDATE AND EXPANSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to accept the camera proposal submitted by Range Telecommunications in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,500

OFFER FROM LEROY WARNER TO SELL PROPERTY AT 101 BANK STREET

There was discussion regarding the offer from Leroy Warner for the parcel on Bank Street. Councilmember Skauge suggested making a counter offer of \$5,000 for the parcel.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Bean to not accept the offer to purchase the parcel at the present time. Ayes: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, and Pat Scanlon (4). Nays: Councilmember Stuart Skauge (1). Motion passed 4-1.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE LOTS 63 AND 64 OF CLEVELAND IRON MINING COMPANY FIFTH ADDITION FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL

Manager Cugini advised that this rezoning was a correction of an oversight.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to rezone lots 63 and 64 of Cleveland Iron Mining Company Fifth Addition from General Residential to General Commercial.

REQUEST TO ADD A SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Chapman advised he was approached by a citizen that suggested the Council add a second public comment before Mayor and Council reports on the agenda. He felt this was a good idea. There was some further discussion among Council regarding this. Councilmember Scanlon did not feel it was necessary to add an additional public comment section to the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman and supported by Councilmember Skauge to add a second public comment section to the agenda before Mayor and Council reports with a 3-minute limit. Ayes: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmember Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, and Stuart Skauge (4). Nays: Councilmember Pat Scanlon (1). Motion passed 4-1.

RECOMMENDATION FROM CEMETERY BOARD TO REVIEW 2020 FEE SCHEDULE FOR COLUMBARIUM NICHES

DPW Director Carl Petersen advised the Cemetery Board moved to increase the rate for columbariums by \$20.00 to cover the cost of drilling to install the markers.

A motion was made Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the rate change for columbariums in the amount of \$20.00 as suggested by the Cemetery Board.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Ordinance 11-700: Misconduct in Office Sworn Statement: DeGabriele – Manager Cugini advised City Clerk Cathy Smith received an email from Jeff DeGabriele indicating he was not interested in meeting with staff and two Council members and would like to move forward with the charges against the City Councilmembers and some staff members.

There was discussion on how to respond to the complaint. Councilmember Skauge felt this complaint should be forwarded to the County Prosecutor. Further discussion took place regarding what type of response should be sent.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to direct the City Manager to send a letter to the complainant advising the Ordinance #11-700 does not address the issues/complaints in his sworn statement.

Councilmember Scanlon suggested staff look into alternative ways to handle the Zoom meetings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to direct staff to check into the webinar program with Zoom.

Councilmember Skauge would like to discuss the paving of roads at a special Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Skauge questioned if lines would be painted on streets this year.

Mayor Tonkin discussed the public comment that was read into the record from Claudia Demarest regarding time requirements for erecting and removing political campaign signs as per Ordinance 8-400. Discussion followed among Council regarding the ordinance, enforcement of the ordinance, and Supreme Court rulings.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Tonkin attended the Planning Commission meeting and discussion was continuing on the Master Plan update and they also talked about the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement projects.

Councilmember Chapman thanked the election workers and city staff for a successful primary election; and expressed his condolences with the loss of Yogi Carlson the County Mine Inspector.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cugini reminded everyone of the Groundbreaking for the new Senior Center on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon. He also thanked the elections workers and City staff, particularly Jim Lampman, Vicki Corradino, Jodi

Champion, and Cathy Smith for all the work and long hours put in to handle the large amount of absent voter applications received for the election.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – There was no attorney report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Smith".

Cathy Smith  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager