

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, September 10, 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 – Public comment was offered through Zoom. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – Agenda comment was offered through Zoom. There was no agenda comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bean had one correction to the August 12, 2020 minutes. The first sentence in the third paragraph under item 2 should say socializing instead of socialism. A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented incorporating the amendment to the August 12, 2020 minutes.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (August 5, 12, and 27)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Library items to be declared surplus: 29 books and DVD's and 107 duplicate yearbooks

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending August 31, 2020 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.

CONFIRM 2020 FORM L-4029

Finance Director Lampman reviewed the L-4029 which sets the taxes to be levied over the next year. There was discussion on the total taxes to be levied and the Headlee Amendment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the L-4029 as presented.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- a. Contract I, Change Order #15 - A motion as made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Contract I, Change Order #15 as presented.
- b. Contract II, Change Order #18 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon, and carried unanimously to approve Contract II, Change Order #18 as presented.
- c. Rural Development Draw #24 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve Rural Development Draw #24 as presented.
- d. Contract III, Change Order #9 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve Contract III, Change Order #9 as presented.
- e. Contract III, Pay Application #18 – A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon, and carried unanimously to approve Contract III, Pay Application #18 as presented.

DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF HOLIDAY LIGHTING FOR 2020

Councilmember Chapman suggested staff research grant availability for new Christmas decorations for this year, since the current City Christmas decorations were very old. If funding could be obtained, he would like to purchase some decorations for Christmas 2020.

There was discussion related to the purchase of some new decorations now versus waiting until next year.

UPDATE THE TITLE VI NON-DISCRIMINATION PLAN DOCUMENT TO INCORPORATE CRAIG CUGINI AS THE TITLE VI COORDINATOR

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon to approve changes to the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan as presented.

ADDITION TO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS AS PER THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE

Chief Snowaert explained a stop sign was never installed at the corner of First Street and Johnson Street and there was an accident that recently occurred there. After discussion with the DPW Director, it was determined a stop sign should be placed at that location.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the traffic control order as presented to install a stop sign at First Street (southbound) traffic to stop at Johnson Street.

LETTERS OF AGREEMENT

- a. Supervisor's Chapter of Local 1282
- b. DPW Chapter of Local 1282

Manager Cugini briefly explained the proposed letters of agreement related to the City Manager being the Interim DPW Director. The letters of agreement were through December 31, 2020 with the option to extend.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Skauge asked about the paving of roads this year. There was discussion among staff, Council, and Brian, from GEI Consultants, regarding paving roads this year versus spring of next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bean advised she had been questioned by some residents if they would have the ability to opt out of having a smart meter installed due to the radio frequency used. She explained the opt out process some municipality have used. Discussion took place regarding the efficiencies of smart meters, the installation process, and an opt out options.

Councilmember Scanlon questioned the BS&A link provided on the website to look up water bills and taxes. He asked that the City Attorney research if this information was protected.

Manager Cugini explained the roofing project at the DPW garage needed to have some fans moved that was not included in the bid. Perkins Roofing would cover the cost of the structural mounting, the roof penetrations and patching of the roof deck. The additional cost would be \$3,480 which would cover the electrical work that needed to be done for the fans to be moved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon to approve the additional electrical on the DPW roof in the amount of \$3,480. Ayes: Councilmember Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, Pat Scanlon and Stuart Skauge (4). Nays: Mayor Mike Tonkin (1). Motion passed 4-1.

Manager Cugini advised RAMBA would like to provide some camping at the Howard Oil site near the Heritage Trail. This was a good concept; however, the liability to the City would be high. In addition, they would need a lease with the City and a sub-lease, as well as, a permit from the State for a campground.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to allow RAMBA to move forward with the three spots as long as RAMBA can be compliant with the requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chapman provided a briefly reported on meetings with various state representatives.

Mayor Tonkin reported the groundbreaking at the Senior Center went very well; and he noted he did not like having public comment held virtually for Council meetings.

There was some discussion related to the Craft Fair that would be held at Lake Bancroft on the 19th and what the difference was between this event and the one at Al Quaal that was denied.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cugini advised the picnic went very well and employees had fun; a Christmas event will be planned; 2021 budget will be presented soon; and union negotiations will be beginning the near future.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – There was no attorney report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:01 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager