

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, November 30, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Councilmembers, Lindsay Bean, Jason Chapman, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (via Zoom) (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini. City Attorney Caroline Bridges was excused.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was no public comment. Public comment was offered via Zoom.

CITY OF ISHPEMING 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Manager Cugini advised he held a meeting with Councilmembers Skauge and Chapman to discuss the 2021 budget. After the meeting, there were some amendments made to the proposed budget which included reducing the six percent across the board cuts to two percent which would increase the police and library budgets; and included funding for the cameras for the police department. He explained the purchase of books was removed from the public improvement fund but the amount was included in the overall budget for the Library. The funding provided in the department budget could be used as deemed necessary and according to the department's priorities.

Councilmember Skauge and Chapman felt the six percent cut was too much.

Councilmember Bean questioned the managers budget message with regards to tipping fees at the Landfill; Manager Cugini explained what had transpired with the Marquette County Landfill with the increase in tipping fees passed on to the municipalities. She also questions the reduction from six percent to two percent across the board.

There was discussion regarding the reduction from six percent across the board to two percent. Councilmember Chapman felt it was too much for the departments to absorb; and in addition, there was still union negotiations and health care renewals to be settled. Councilmember Scanlon and Bean felt two percent was not enough of a reduction. Council and staff talked about the proposed \$300,000 allocated to roads in 2021 and the possibility of reducing this amount to \$250,000 if necessary during the year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Chapman to approve the 2021 budget as amended which included the reduction of a six percent cut across the board to two percent which will allow the needed increases to the police and library budgets and include the camera purchases for the Police Department.

Ayes: Councilmembers Jason Chapman, Pat Scanlon and Stuart Skauge (3). Nays: Mayor Mike Tonkin and Councilmember Lindsay Bean (2). Motion passed 3-2.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:00 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk