

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Lindsay Bean called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lindsay Bean, Councilmembers, Jason Chapman (via Zoom at home), Elizabeth Firby, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini. City Attorney Caroline Bridges was absent.

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

REQUEST TO PURCHASE A NEW LOADER FOR DPW

a. Declare as surplus #302, 2005 621-Case with Bucket and #303, 1998 924 Cat with 2 buckets and fork  
Manager Cugini advised following a systematic approach in inventorying DPW equipment the proposal was to purchase a new loader which would include a broom attachment for use during spring clean-up. Chief Mechanic Derrick Magnuson, advised the proposal included the trade of two existing loaders (#302 and #303) along with the sidewalk plow that was already declared surplus.

The new loader would replace two worn out pieces of equipment both needed repairs at a total cost of approximately \$20-25,000. The options for the new loader were either a CASE or a CAT.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of CASE versus the purchase of the CAT and the pros and cons of each, the warranties being offered, the tires on each loader, and review of the current dollars spent on equipment in the 2021 budget, and the technicians available for repairs to the equipment. Staff recommendation was to purchase the Caterpillar 926M Wheel Loader.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to declare the two loaders as surplus and enter into the agreement with Caterpillar for the total amount of \$125,355 for the 926M Wheeled Loader over 5 years as presented.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE A NEW FLAT-BED FOR DPW VEHICLE #43, GMC 2500 HD

Manager Cugini explained the bed of the truck would be changed out with a flat-bed for an approximate cost of \$3,461.63.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to move forward with the recommendation of the Chief Mechanic and purchase the flat bed in the amount of \$3,461.61.

AUTHORIZE COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR CAMPGROUND ON MALTON ROAD

Manager Cugini reviewed the Rural Development Grant application and the scope of the project. The proposal was to now reduce the scope of the project from what was originally put in the grant. No funds were included in the 2021 budget for match dollars for the grant. The original match was \$100,000. The reduced scope would require an approximate \$30,000 match. The Rural Development grant was awarded for \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$130,000. Rural Development was amenable to changing the scope and the match.

Councilmember Scanlon felt that the matching funds should be split between the General Fund and the Public Improvement Fund.

Mayor Bean felt this was great opportunity for Ishpeming and should be pursued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to move forward with committing the matching funds of approximately \$30,000 with the match being split between the Public Improvement Fund and the General Fund.

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR CAMPGROUND ON MALTON ROAD

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Bean and carried unanimously to amend the 2021 budget and accept the Rural Development grant for the Malton Road campground in the amount of \$100,000.

AWARD BID FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MDOT SMALL URBAN GRANT: EMPIRE STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Manager Cugini explained there was \$375,000 of funding available through the Small Urban Grant with MDOT. UPEA was the only bidder on the Empire Street Reconstruction project and they felt they could still obtain the funding even with the short timeline. He recommended Council accept the engineering proposal from UPEA and move forward with trying to obtain the funds from MDOT.

Hattie Sharland, UPEA, talked with MDOT and was optimistic that the project could meet the timeline and funds could be obtained from the Small Urban Grant. The project could be awarded to a contractor in July or August.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to direct the Manager to move forward with engineering services with UPEA for the Small Urban Grant funding.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk