

***Council Proceedings, February 17, 2021
Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Lindsay Bean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lindsay Bean, Councilmembers, Jason Chapman, Elizabeth Firby, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skaug (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini. City Attorney Caroline Bridges was excused.

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

WATER AND SEWER WORKSHOP

Manager Cugini advised there were four presentations scheduled: Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority (NIWA), GEI Consultants, UP Engineers and Architects, and Core and Main.

John Jackson, Chair of the NIWA, provided a brief history of how the Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority was formed. He briefly reviewed the water consumption between Ishpeming and Negaunee and the amount of water produced. The City of Ishpeming receives an annual report which summarizes the year. He briefly reviewed the water treatment process and noted NIWA has always received excellent reviews from the State of Michigan. He explained how the water rates were derived and that Ishpeming and Negaunee are charged the same rate for water. He briefly updated the Council on the projects that are being proposed in the near future at the Plant.

There was discussion regarding fund balances in the CIP Fund and Special project fund for NIWA, the S-2 water license and if NIWA ever provided the services to the City; if NIWA was covered under the Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and how NIWA reports increase water flow (possible leak) to the City.

Brian Fabbri, GEI, reviewed the 2013 Utility Rate Analysis, summarized the rate history, the Stormwater Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) Grant work that was performed, reviewed the flow data for stormwater, and reviewed the Water Asset Management Plan. Mr. Fabbri reviewed the USDA Rural Development Sanitary Sewer Funding application currently being worked on for submittal.

There was discussion regarding past projects, rates, and future projects needed in both water and sewer.

Matt Treado, UPEA, reviewed the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant application which would be awarded by March 15th and it was a 100% grant funded program, no match dollars were required. He further reviewed what would be covered by the grant.

Todd Bredesen, Core and Main, reviewed the water meter upgrades and the Sensus meters being installed. He provided examples of the types of readings available with the new meters.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cathy Smith
City Clerk