

***Council Proceedings, March 9, 2021  
Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmember were present, public comment was via Zoom. Mayor Lindsay Bean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lindsay Bean, Councilmembers, Jason Chapman, Elizabeth Firby, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (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.

2022 BUDGET GUIDANCE

Manager Cugini reviewed the process he would like to follow for the 2022 budget and he discussed options on how to proceed. He further discussed some grant options available through MDOT and future road improvements as well as funding. As guidance for 2022, Council provides some goals and objects for 2022 which included some of the following:

- HVAC improvements at City Hall
- Reduce/changes to street lighting
- Roads
- Road way markings major streets, curbs and handicapped parking
- Sidewalk replacement/repairs
- Forest Management Plan
- Fire tower repairs
- Consolidate playgrounds
- Dog park
- Skate park
- Parks and Recreation Director
- Planner
- Tube slide
- Marketing and communications
- Training
- Financial Investment Strategy
- Perpetual Care Fund investments
- MERS

There was discussion regarding the General Fund versus the other funds; how funds should be spent; projects that should be completed; and sewer and water funds which includes some rate discussion.

Finance Director Lampman explained how the Motor Pool fund worked; fringe benefit allocations; and the chart of accounts which has been updated by the State of Michigan for 2021. He further explained how equipment rentals where handled between funds.

Council and staff also talked about Redevelopment Ready Communities and what was still needed to be certified.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager