

***Council Proceedings, March 10, 2021  
Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. 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.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEWER GRANT DISCUSSION

Jeff Bal, GEI Consultants, was present to discuss the USDA Sewer Grant application including project need and project funding; USDA's approach and user rates; and other funding sources and approaches for projects.

He reviewed some of the components of the Rural Development grant application including how eligible dwelling units are determined for the City. He reviewed Sewer Asset Management Planning, possible water system improvements, water supply/source improvements, and sanitary sewer system improvements.

He summarized options for improving the chances of obtaining a Rural Development grant.

There was discussion and questions regarding the current rates for water and sewer and the concern over any rate increase, surrounding municipality rates; the potential area for sewer work; storm events; flow data, and road reconstruction with the potential of applying for MDOT funds.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager