

***Council Proceedings, April 22, 2021  
Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pat Scanlon, Councilmembers Jason Chapman (via Zoom at home) (left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.), Elizabeth Firby, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Excused: Mayor Lindsay Bean (1). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

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

MDOT SMALL URBAN GRANT – EMPIRE STREET DECISION BRIEF

Hattie Sharland, UP Engineers and Architects, reviewed what had been accomplished to date on the project and summarized the work that was currently in the project scope at a cost of approximately \$330,000. The funding budget was \$470,000 so additional work would need to be added to be within 25% of the budget in order to avoid a TIP amendment which would delay the project. An option for additional work would be to extend reconstruction south on 1<sup>st</sup> Street for 250 feet and extend reconstruction west on Empire for 100 feet to end of curb/sidewalk on North side of Empire. These two additions would put the project within 25% of the budget. She reviewed some of the constraints and noted funding must be obligated by May 21, 2021. If Main to Oak was a priority, this would be a separate bid through the City and constructed in conjunction with the MDOT project in 2022 using road funding awarded to GEI.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to direct UPEA to extend reconstruction south on 1<sup>st</sup> Street for 250 feet and extend reconstruction west on Empire for 100 feet to end of curb/sidewalk on North side of Empire, and, in addition, continue road work from Main Street to Oak Street including resurfacing and sidewalks and work with GEI to use the city road funding in 2022 in conjunction with the MDOT project, for this stretch; however, ensure infrastructure is solid underneath and include the slip liner for the piping.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

There was continued discussion regarding Capital Improvement Projects between Council and Manager Cugini some of which included removing central air at City Hall, moving window replacement to 2024 and radio meters to 2024. Radio meters to 2024.

There was continued discussion related to construction of a new fire station including the location, and cost. This would stay in the 2023 Capital Improvement schedule.

Councilmember Skauge felt there should be dollars allocated each year for street improvements. This item will stay in the 2025 plan but staff would look at what amount could be allocated every year.

Manager Cugini reviewed the MDOT “F” funds materials that would be due to apply by June 1, 2021 which had a 20% match. He would contact GEI Consultants to discuss.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Attorney Bridge advised Flagstar submitted a settlement agreement which was within Council’s range.

A motion was made by Councilmember Firby, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to accept the latest offer from Flagstar Bank as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Firby, supported by Councilmember Skauge, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager