

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, with public comment via Zoom. Mayor Lindsey Bean called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lindsey Bean, Council Members Jason Chapman, Elizabeth Firby, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini and City Attorney Caroline Bridges.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Public comment was offered through Zoom.

Jay Clancy, Cognition Brewery, 113 E. Canda St. in Ishpeming spoke in regards to his outside seating area at the brewery. Being that his permit expired last year, to reapply, the State is requiring him to apply for a permanent outdoor seating permit. The City would still have the opportunity to review such dates for the outdoor seating and could revoke the permit at any time. Mr. Clancy wanted to make Council aware of this change.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA COMMENT- Agenda comment was offered through Zoom. There was no agenda comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Closed Sessions April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Reappoint Kaitlyn Feldbauer to a 3-year term on the Building Authority Term Expiring June 2024

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the monthly budget report for the period ending April 30, 2021 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Major and Local Street Funds, and Water and Sewer Funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the sale of the adjacent property located at 400 E. New York St. to Tim Kinney for \$3,000 per acre.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the sale of the adjacent property located at 428 E. New York St. to Sarah Bannan for \$400.00.

LITTLE LEAGUE REDUCED RENTAL FEE REQUEST

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and approved unanimously to grant the Little Leagues request for a reduced rental fee for the 2021 Season. Rental fee will

be reduced by 50% providing that the Little League organization submits a COVID Plan before the season begins.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- a. A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and passed unanimously to declare, as surplus, #165 Vector Truck to then be traded to the County for a used truck and #168 Sterling Salt Truck which will be parted out/scrapped.  
A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby and passed unanimously to approve disbursement of up to \$15,000 to retrofit the trade from the County.
- b. A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and passed unanimously to allow the City Manager to move forward with utilizing the pit at the bottom of L. Bigelow St. usable for clean fill dumping.
- c. A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby and passed unanimously to approve the estimate of \$3,500.00 from OSI Environmental, Inc. for the disposal of drums at the Compost Site.

#### S & P GLOBAL RATING

The City Manager gave notification that he requested a new credit rating from S & P Global Ratings.

#### SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

- a. Special Event Application for the Gus Macker: June 25,26,27,2021- Jen Hendrickson  
An updated COVID Plan was submitted by Ms. Hendrickson. Mayor Bean reviewed the ranking of the Gus Macker and scored it at a seven.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to increase the passing ranking number of seven to eight in light of the State's decreased COVID cases and increased number of individuals being vaccinated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Skauge and carried unanimously to approve the Gus Macker revised COVID Plan.

- b. Special Event Application for the Fourth of July Festivities was presented by Andrea Jackson. An updated COVID Plan was discussed. Mayor bean reviewed the events ranking and scored it at a seven.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the Fourth of July Festivities plan, to include the fireworks and community picnic as well.

- c. A motion was made by Councilman Chapman, supported by Councilman Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the Ishpeming Fire Department's Parade Permit for 6-6-2021.
- d. Special Event Application and Parade Permit for St. John's Corpus Christi Procession was discussed. Council's recommendation is to replace the bus transportation with individual family vehicles to better comply with COVID guidelines.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and passed unanimously to approve St. John's Corpus Christi Procession permit.

- e. i. Special Events Application for the Crusher EX was discussed. Al Quaal will be used for the start and finish of the race. Permits will be made available for those racers who will be parking their cars overnight at Al Qual. As there will be no crowd gatherings, no COVID Plan was necessary.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the Crusher EX Special Events Permit.

ii. Special Events Application for the Crusher Copper Harbor was discussed. Al Quaal will be used as the end point of the race only.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to approve the Crusher Copper Harbor Special Events Permit.

#### CITY FACILITY RENTALS 2021 SEASON

Manager Cugini recommends City rentals should resume, while observing COVID guidelines. Council recommends Manager to direct cleaning staff to be more diligent with the sanitation procedures without any additional cost to the customers.

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon, supported by Councilman Chapman to resume City rentals for the 2021 season. Ayes: Mayor Bean, Council Members Firby, Scanlon, and Skauge (4). Nays: Councilmember Chapman (1). Motion passed 4-1.

#### RECIPROCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to direct Mayor Bean to sign the Reciprocal Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

#### CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Manager Cugini advised he was looking for guidance on the City Attorney contract which would automatically renew after the first year. He asked if there were areas of the contract Council would like to revisit and modify or maintain the contract as is and renew.

Councilmember Scanlon advised he had previously asked Attorney Bridges to provide a report on work performed per month and he had received some reports. He proposed, if the contract was extended, language be revised to include monthly reports to Council from the Attorney which would detail work being performed with more explanation than would be provided in a bi-weekly report. This report would be more concise and confidential information could also be included. As a Councilmember he did not miss having the attorney available at City Hall. He felt Attorney Bridges was doing a good job.

Councilmember Chapman was very happy with Attorney Bridges' work and looked forward to working with her in the future.

There was some discussion related to the reports that had been provided versus what Council would like to see in the future along with office hours for the City Attorney. Manager Cugini noted office hours would still be necessary between Attorney Bridges and staff. Staff would make the revisions to the contract and provide the revised contract to Council for approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman to revise language in the City Attorney contract to include submittal of a monthly report to Council covering all work being handled by the City Attorney which coincides with the billing. The motion was not voted on.

#### U.P. DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION LEASE

Manager Cugini was directed to move forward with the lease agreement with the U.P. Disc Golf Association.

MANAGER TRAVEL TO MML U.P. MANAGER'S MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the City Manager's travel to Munising on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for the MML U.P. Manager's meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED

A Special Council Meeting/Closed Session, to discuss Economic Proposals for the Unions, has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Scanlon questioned when Channel 189 would be up and running again. Manager Cugini said that 906 Technologies is waiting on a part.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to permit Manager Cugini to start working with local businesses who are looking for outdoor seating permits.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to present Turino Chiropractic the option of using a One-Time Leak Adjustment from the City to forgive the cost of the large water consumption that passed through their meter with no explanation.

Councilmember Skauge suggested the City make the council meetings open to the public again in June. Agreement to review it at the June Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was offered through Zoom. There was no public comment.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Scanlon wanted to verify that the Fourth of July parade route, was in deed, approved. It had been.

Councilmember Chapman wanted to acknowledge that May is Mental Health Awareness month.

Mayor Bean reported that she participated in the Ski Club's Trail Clean-up. She said it was a huge success with close to sixty people participating.

MANAGER'S REPORT -Manager Cugini advise he had covered all items throughout the meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jodi Champion, Deputy Clerk