

***Council Proceedings, October 25, 2021
Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, October 25, 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 Skaug (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini. Attorney Bridges was excused.

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

DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

Manager Cugini advised, with the departure of Jim Lampman-Finance Director, he had requested there be no major changes to the 2021 budget for 2022. He further summarized various funds in the budget and some upcoming road work included in the 2022 budget. Overall, the 2022 proposed budget had no major changes.

Councilmember Scanlon advised this was a moving document and could and probably would be amended going forward.

Mayor Bean noted there was a \$187,000 reduction in Fund Balance in the General Fund, however, money would need to be spent to make money. There should be discussion among Council as to what the minimum balance in the General Fund – Fund Balance should be

Councilmember Chapman advised several communities were in debt after the pandemic and congratulated staff on doing a good job.

REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY OVER-HIRE FOR AN OFFICE MANAGER/DEPUTY TREASURER POSITION WITH PROPOSED TRANSITION

Manager Cugini discussed the proposed organization chart change for City Hall. The current City Treasurer was looking at pursuing home businesses. He was proposing an over hire at City Hall which would include an Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer position which would then transition into the Treasurer/Office Manager position when the current treasurer leaves or reduces to part-time. This would be the transition plan.

Councilmember Scanlon supported this approach to train and cover the void. It was questioned, if the Treasurer decides to stay employed what would happen. There was some brief discussion and it was felt this would not occur.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to pursue a full-time Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer position at City Hall for transition to the City Treasurer position with a salary of \$47,500/year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon , supported by Councilmember Chapman, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager