

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Lindsay Bean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was offered through Zoom and in person.

Gary Guibord, 833 E. Michigan Street, spoke about the ditch across from his house on Seventh Street. He provided a brief history of what happens during run off and snow melt with the ditch. He would like to have the snow removed from the ditch to prevent flooding to his home. He further explained through the years the ditch would fill with debris which then caused issues. He asked DPW staff keep the ditch clean to prevent issues from occurring at his home.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – Agenda comment was offered though Zoom and in person.

Jason Whitaker, Territory Manager, McCoy Construction and Forestry, was present to answer any questions related to the purchase of the wheeled excavator for DPW.

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 (May 4th and May 25th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Reappoint Tracy Magnuson to a 5-year term on the Cemetery Board Term Expiring 5/2027
- d. Reappoint David Aeh, Tracy Magnuson, and Brian Buchanan to 4-year terms on the Downtown Development Authority: Terms expiring 7/2026
- e. Declare 650 library books as surplus

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Manager Cugini introduced new Finance Office Manager Joe Erickson and briefly reviewed the structure of the Finance Department.

Finance Office Manager Joe Erickson reviewed the monthly financial report for period ending May 31, 2022. There was discussion related to the format of the presentation for the budget reports; the progress of the 2021 audit; and the possibility of a single audit for 2021.

UP ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS PROJECT UPDATE – MATT TREADO

Matt Treado, UP Engineers and Architects (UPEA), provided an update on the various projects UPEA was working on for the City including: Empire Street Construction (City portion and Small Urban Portion); Malton Road Campground, CWRP Project Plan Application; DWRP Project Plan Application; the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant; and Lake Bancroft.

Manager Cugini advised Empire Street was progressing and continuing as planned. There was some brief discussion related the fountains that used to be installed in Lake Bancroft and the water quality.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

- Special Event Application and Parade Permit: St. Rocco/St. Anthony Italian Fest: 7-30-2022
- Special Event Application: Historical Society: Cemetery Tours: July 1, 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2022
June 28 and August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- Special Event Application: Ishpeming Community Events: Festival of Treasures: July 1, 2022
Music every Thursday beginning June 16 through September 1, 2022
- Special Event Application: Ore to Shore: August 13, 2022
- Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Shelly's Rainbow Bar: July 2, 3, 4, 2022
- Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Brogies: July 1 through July 4, 2022

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve all the special event applications and parade permits as presented.

IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY

Iron Ore Heritage Trail (IOHT) Permit – Carol Fulsher, IOHT, advised this would be a five-year permit to cover the portion of the trail from the Negaunee City limits to Washington Street which was currently not under permit with the City.

Right-of-Way Easement along Washington Street – Carol Fulsher, IOHT, explained this was needed to connect the trail to the new piece of property donated to them for an ORV parking lot. Attorney Bridges advised granting a right of way easement along Washington Street would require the three-step process for disposal of City property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the five-year permit for the portion of the IOHT between the Negaunee City limits and Washington Street as presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skauge, supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to schedule the public hearing for the proposed easement for the next regular meeting.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 8-100, MAP AMENDMENT-GENERAL RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of Amendment to Ordinance #8-100, Map Amendment to rezone from General Residential to General Commercial.

AGREEMENT WITH CUPPAD: 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

Manager Cugini reviewed the proposed agreement with CUPPAD for developing a 5-year Recreation Plan for the City. Item number 8 of the agreement was an option to include Future Project Visualizations which would include 5 rendering.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with CUPPAD for the 5-year Recreation Plan Update including the five renderings for a total not to exceed \$12,220, pending legal review of the agreement.

GEI CONSULTANTS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – TEAL LAKE WATER TRAIL PROJECT

After some brief discussion related to the project, a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the proposed professional services agreement with GEI Consultants for an amount not to exceed the allowable amount within the Recreation Passport Grant Agreement.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE WHEELED EXCAVATOR FOR DPW

DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson advised this request was to purchase a wheeled excavator to replace the tracked excavator in the Department of Public Works which would be much more efficient.

Jason Whitaker, McCoy Construction and Forestry, provided a brief history of the company and reviewed the specifications and warranty for the excavator.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to purchase the wheeled excavator, without a trade, from McCoy Construction and Forestry for the amount of \$220,000 allocated from the Motor Pool Fund.

CEMETERY/PARKS GATOR MOTOR REPLACEMENT

DPW General Foreman Anderson advised the gator was the groomer used for trails at Al Quaal as well as the ballfields and needed repairs. He recommended purchasing a new motor versus repairing the existing motor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to purchase a new motor from Northland Lawn Equipment in the amount of \$4,470.21 and direct the City Manager to apply for a West End Health Foundation Grant for potential reimbursement.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW DPW WELDER

DPW General Foreman Anderson advised the Miller Big Blue 500 Pro Welder was no longer operational and was not repairable.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Skauge and carried unanimously to purchase a new welder from Airgas in the amount of \$37,895 to be funded from the Water Fund, General Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund.

CONFIRM EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO VACALL: JX TRUCK CENTER

Manager Cugini advised the amount of the repair was above his authority, however, the repair was need immediately and was requesting confirmation by Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to confirm the emergency repairs to the Vacall as approved by the City Manager.

AUTHORIZE COST OVER RUN AND AWARD BID TO MOYLE FOR THE MALTON ROAD CAMPGROUND

Manager Cugini reviewed the cost over-run decision brief and explained the additional funding needed was \$206,245 for the Campground project.

There was discussion related to the cost over-run on the Campground project and what items were included; changes made to the project from the initial proposal; the program for making reservations; engineering costs; and the reasons for the over-run. Council would like to see a cost breakdown upon project completion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to loan \$206,245 from identified non-penalty funds towards the Campground project and award the bid for the Malton Road Campground Project to Moyle Construction in the amount of \$285,105.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Scanlon questioned the draining of the ditch brought up during public comment; he felt the City should provide this service; he also reminded staff to make sure to return all phone calls to residents. General Foreman Anderson advised staff was investigating options for the ditch on Seventh Street.

Manager Cugini provided an update on the few items pending completion at the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Cugini advised there was an offer made for the Police Chief position; he was working the with County Emergency Management for the May 12th rain event; and a police vehicle had been damaged and a claim has been submitted to MMRMA.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was offered through Zoom and in person. There was no public comment.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chapman advised he received information for Promote the Vote and the group was still gathering signature for placement on the November ballot.

Councilmember Firby thanked everyone for all their work during the rain event on May 12th including the First Responders, Fire Department, and DPW staff.

Councilmember Scanlon thanked the Cemetery/Parks employees for having the cemetery ready for Memorial Day and for everyone's response to the May 12th rain event.

Mayor Bean thanked all involved in the response to the rain event; and felt the City was moving forward and had a very good staff.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager Cugini thanked North Iron Church for working on the City Hall garden and a couple of the beds at Lake Bancroft Park; and met with the Director of Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Firby, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk