

***Council Proceedings, June 28, 2022***  
***Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Lindsay Bean called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lindsay Bean, Councilmembers Jason Chapman, Elizabeth Firby (arrived at 5:20 p.m.), Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skaug (5). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini. Attorney Bridges was absent.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND**

Mayor Lindsay Bean opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

Matt Treado, UP Engineers and Architects, read into the record the DWRP Project Plan Public Hearing introduction; drinking water quality needs and problems to be addressed by the proposed project; description of recommended alternatives; discussion of project financing and costs to users; and a brief description of anticipated social and environmental impacts.

He further explained this was the same process that was followed for the proposed sewer project. The resolution was only to submit the application to the State of Michigan for review; after submitted, the State would provide a preliminary response which would then determine what funding would be available to the City either through grants or loans. At this time, this was not an approval or acceptance of funding. He further noted, the City qualified as a disadvantaged City through the State and would, therefore, score more points which would also provide better rates for funding or the possibility of more grant dollars.

Loretta Heath expressed her concern with the statement of a \$28.00/month water rate increase, particularly for those on a fixed income, a large increase would be very difficult to take on.

Discussion took place on the current water rates, the annual water rate increases as outlined in the Ordinance, and the possibility of the State making an award to the City. Also talked about were the benefits of the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Water Meter grant award.

Barry Beaubien, 99 High Excelsior Street, questioned if the City had any records on the amount of lead piping that was currently underground.

Councilmember Chapman advised he received an email from John Grier, 628 D Street, expressing his concern over the cost of City's utility bills.

Mark Dallas, 205 Houghton Street, expressed his concerns with the cost of utility bills.

Jennifer Kjellman, 730 Division Street, asked when water bill would no longer be estimated. There was brief discussion and explanations of the reasons for the estimated reads.

Mayor Bean closed the public hearing at 5:51 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #8-2022, ADOPTING THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND DESIGNATE AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE**

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #8-2022, adopting the water system improvements plan and designate an authorized project representative as presented.


PURCHASE OF THE WHEELED EXCAVATOR WITH TRADE IN OF 1987 – 790D TRACKED EXCAVATOR  
DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson advised staff would like to trade in the 1987 tracked excavator instead of keeping the equipment as previously discussed at the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Skaug and carried unanimously to accept the proposed change and authorize the trade in of the 790D tracked excavator as part of the purchase of the 2018 Hitachi Z190-5 Rubber Tire Excavator.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:05p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cathy Smith  
City Clerk