

***Council Proceedings, August 16, 2022***  
***Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 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, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skaug (4). Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Firby (1). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini. Attorney Bridges was absent.

AGENDA COMMENT – Public comment was offered via Zoom and in person.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, questioned if bids were received for the Police Department Ceiling Repairs; staff advised three other firms were contacted for the repairs.

ANDERSON TACKMAN AND COMPANY 2021 AUDIT PRESENTATION

Mike Grentz, Anderson Tackman and Company, presented the 2021 Audit. He advised the big change for the City this year was the MERS Pension Bonding. He reviewed the individual funds including Local and Major Street, Water, and Sewer Funds. The overall budget looked good. He reviewed the fund balance and noted it was advisable to have 60-120 days of fund balance and the City was within that range. There was further discussion related to the MERS bond payments. The City should continue to add to the fund balance as much as possible.

There was further discussion regarding the transition of staff in the finance department and the use of Plante Moran in the interim during the audit process.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND PARADE PERMIT: LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES: 9-5-2022

General Foreman Anderson advised there was an issue with the proposed parade route due to the closure of Empire Street as the detour from Lakeshore was Empire Street.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to support the event and authorize DPW and the City Manager to work with the Event Coordinator to find a route that would work best in lieu of the detour.

BELL LIFT STATION

a. Pump Replacement

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon and supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to confirm the purchase of the pump replacement as an emergency purchase in the amount of \$4,966.

b. SCADA

General Foreman Anderson advised the last three lift stations that needed to be added to SCADA were the Cinema Lift Station, Pamida Lift Station, and the Jubilee Lift Station.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the SCADA components for the remaining lift stations to be budgeted from the Sewer Fund and direct staff to prepare the necessary budget amendments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CEILING REPAIRS

Manager Cugini explained the original plaster ceiling above the suspended ceiling at the Police Department was collapsing causing the suspended ceiling to fall. Staff has contacted three other firms and the only firm to submit a quote was Seelen's Home Improvement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapman supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the estimate from Seelen's Home Improvement for the repairs to the ceiling at the Police Department in the amount not to exceed \$6,200.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:45p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Chapman, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy Smith".

Cathy Smith  
City Clerk