

Council Proceedings, May 30, 2023
Ishpeming, MI 49849

The special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Jason Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jason Chapman, Council Members Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Absent: Council Member Elizabeth Firby (1). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED PROJECT

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Manager Cugini reviewed the application process and the necessary steps to be followed. A previous application was submitted for the DWSRF and that application was not approved; therefore, another application was going to be submitted for 2024 which required another public hearing.

Chris Holmes, UPEA, explained the previous application was revised, and the estimated cost increased from 15 million to 20 million dollars. Once submitted, the application provides an opportunity for funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving fund which could either be grant dollars, a loan, or a combination of both. This public hearing was a necessary step to proceed with the application.

Mr. Holmes further reviewed the proposed projects to be completed with the funding which included the removal and replacement of lead and galvanized water services, water main removal and replacement, looping of dead-end water main, and upgrades to the water tank including security measures.

Don Dakota, 700 Duncan Street, felt Empire Street looked wonderful after the reconstruction which included the infrastructure replacement and new sidewalk and he assumed this project if awarded would follow the same guidelines and would be great for the City. However, he questioned why the 8th Edition water project was done so poorly and felt some of the issues were due to poor compacting of the soils.

John Schooler, 772 Michigan Street, questioned the timeframe for corrections during a project. He discussed some of his concerns with the final outcome of some past projects and problems he felt had occurred.

Councilmember Bean and Mayor Chapman advised the City was now trying to look more long-term and will continue to look for funding for roads and infrastructure. Councilmember Scanlon noted the City will continue to hold contractors to completing their work and being acceptable to the City.

Discussion followed among staff, Council, and UPEA related to the proposed project.

Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

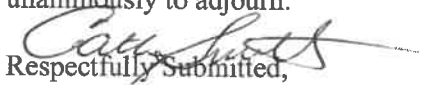
a. Resolution 8-2023: Adopting Final Planning Document for Water System Improvements and Designate an authorized Project Representative

A motion was made Councilmember Bean, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve resolution 8-2023: adopting the final planning document for the Water System Improvements project and designating an authorized Project Representative as presented. Ayes: Mayor Jason Chapman, Councilmembers Lindsay Bean, Pat Scanlon, and Stuart Skauge (4). Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Firby (1). Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to adjourn.


Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Smith, City Clerk