

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Jason Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Claudia Demarest, asked if the street lines could be painted before the Fourth of July; if the water leak areas would be paved soon and if Third Street was scheduled for repaving; asked why the Labor Day Parade went to Negaunee; explained she went to UPEA to review the public hearing document for May 30th and had to wait a day to received it; and felt there was a need to hire more DPW workers.

Mike Tonkin, 612 N. Third Street, felt there was no respect from the City and felt no one at the City listened; explained his thoughts on the plowing from the May 1st snow event; and talked about pot holes.

Karen Kasper, 111 Bluff Street, announced the upcoming events scheduled by the Ishpeming Area Historical Society.

Sarah Sands, 213 Angeline Street, advised they had just moved to Ishpeming and really loved it here; she felt the Salisbury location had been ignored by the City for years and was very discouraged about the comments that were being placed on Facebook by other residents; and noted Salisbury was in dire need of road repairs. She encouraged the community to come together to make the community stronger and asked the Council to please consider improvements to the Salisbury Location which included roads and taking care of some blighted properties.

Becky Morcom, 217 Dawson Street, discussed blighted properties in the Salisbury Location and the current City ordinance. She listed several properties in that area that have been abandoned and should be considered dangerous structures. She hoped these locations were included on the blight list for the City.

Michael Jennings, 672 Duncan Street, questioned the status of the proposed parking and storage of recreational vehicles ordinance.

John Schooler, 772 Michigan Street, talked about the process to fill potholes and explained how he thought pot holes should be repaired; and also mentioned the damage he incurred to his motorcycle from a pothole.

Mary Farmer, 415 S. Lake Street, expressed her concerns with residents not taking care of their yards; the number of cars being stored on properties that did not have plates; and also questioned when the church on Lake Street would be demolished.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to remove item #13 pending the attorney's final review of the proposed ordinance amendment and approve the agenda as amended.

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

John Schooler, 772 Michigan Street, questioned the need for a Kerf Cutter which was being requested by DPW.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 3rd and 30th, Closed Session May 3rd)

- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Declare four (4) large folding tables at the Carnegie Library as surplus
- d. Confirm Target Market Analysis funding contribution - \$2,500
- e. Confirm appointment of Kaylee Reno to fill vacancy on the Library Board: Term Expires 5/2024

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

City Treasurer Grant Getschow reviewed the monthly financial statements for the period ending May 2023.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean, and carried unanimously to accept the monthly financial report as presented.

SPECIAL EVENTS

a. Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License: Shelly's Rainbow Bar: June 30, July 1,2,3

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to approve the special event application and temporary liquor license as presented.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2-300, BREACH OF PEACE, DISORDERLY PERSONS AND MISDEMEANORS

Chief of Police Chad Radabaugh reviewed the proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-300.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the second reading of amendment to Ordinance 2-300, Breach of Peace, Disorderly Persons, and Misdemeanors as presented.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2-400, FIREWORKS

Chief Radabaugh reviewed the proposed amendments which complied with State law.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the second reading of amendment to Ordinance 2-400, Fireworks as presented.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2-1300, ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCE

Chief Radabaugh reviewed the proposed Ordinance 2-1300 Anti-camping ordinance. He explained there have been issues over the last few years particularly on the Heritage Trail, with homeless camps being set up and this ordinance would help enforcement.

Councilmember Bean explained the difference between the proposed Anti-camping Ordinance #2-1300 and the proposed Storage and Parking of Recreational Vehicles Ordinance that was not placed on the agenda for second reading and was being reevaluated and rewritten.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bean, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-1300, Anti-Camping as presented.

DPW REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT: KERF CUTTER

General Foreman Bill Anderson reviewed the cost savings if this piece of equipment was purchased.

A motion was made by Mayor Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the Kerf Cutter in the amount of \$3,750.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CEMETERY BOARD TO AMEND THE DATES FOR WINTER BURIALS

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to concur with the Cemetery Board's recommendation and change the winter burial dates to December 1st through April 30th.

UPPCO UTILITY EASEMENT FOR MALTON ROAD

Attorney Caroline Bridges explained the utility easement for Malton Road and advised this was basically to get the appropriate documents filed for the easement which had been in place for many years.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the easement with UPPCO as presented and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

UPDATE ON POLICE ACADEMY RECRUIT GRANT PROGRAM

Chief Radabaugh explained that after the initial submission of the Police Academy Grant, there were some changes made to the program, so he reapplied for the grant. The City will now receive a \$24,000 per recruit for a total of \$48,000. which will cover the cost of the academy and the remainder of the funds will go toward their wages.

PROPOSAL FROM PRIME SPECIALTY CONTRACTING FOR AIR CONDITIONING REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT AT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY

General Foreman Anderson reviewed the proposals from Prime Specialty. He further explained there were two options: Replace the units for \$15,545 or repair the units for \$6,293. Acting City Manager Joe Erickson advised the funds were available from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Councilmember Scanlon questioned if routine maintenance was performed on the air conditioning units; General Foreman Anderson advised the units were inspected and maintained annually.

A motion was made by Mayor Chapman, supported by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to approve the replacement of the Fujitsu Mini-Split Systems in the lump sum amount of \$15,545.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURES, POLICY #601

Council would review the draft rules and bring comments and suggestions to the July meeting.

There was some brief discussion related to the proposed amendments as suggested by the City Attorney; debate on scheduling a special Council meeting two weeks after the regular meeting and cancelling if there was no business; and also talked about was continuing to have a second public comment on the agenda.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN LEASE AMENDMENT WITH CCI TO EXTEND ORIGINAL LEASE NO. 3581 SUICIDE HILL SKI AREA

Attorney Bridges reviewed the proposed lease amendment with CCI for the Suicide Hill Ski Area which would extend the lease for 25 years.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Mayor Chapman and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease Amendment with CCI to extend original lease No. 3581 for the Suicide Hill Ski Area.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO SNOW REMOVAL

Councilmember Scanlon suggested a special meeting be held to review/discuss the draft snow plan. The meeting will be arranged at a later date.

Discussion followed related to gathering more information including what challenges the DPW faces with snowplowing; what could be done to help; the order streets/alleys are plowed; plowing the sidewalks; removal of the windrows on Main Street and Division Street; and the various complaints received by staff.

In addition, it was pointed out there were areas in the City in which the only access residents have to their homes is via the alley.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Scanlon requested a special meeting be arranged to discuss the condition of City streets; he felt there were many companies that could be looked into for street repairs. He felt the City of Ishpeming was not the worst but a plan should be reviewed which should include Salisbury.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon, supported by Councilmember Bean and carried unanimously to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00 p.m. for discussion on the condition of City roads, with only that item on the agenda.

Councilmember Bean would like another draft of the Parking and Storage of Recreation Vehicles ordinance brought back to Council. There were problems within the City and she would like to see a more acceptable version of the proposed Ordinance.

There was some discussion between staff and Council related blighted properties.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was offered on zoom and in person.

Mike Tonkin, 612 N. Third Street, advised the access to his home is through the alley and he has plowed that alley for years. He felt, in this type of situation, the alley should be plowed sooner.

Sarah Sands, 213 Angeline Street, felt residents have the right to know and understand the City's Ordinances and it was also the individual's responsibility to do their due diligence.

John Schooler 772 Michigan Street, questioned the suicide ski hill lease and asked what else the property could be used for; and he suggested hiring seasonal people for helping out in the winter months.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Scanlon thanked the North Iron Church for cleaning the roundabout, City Hall Garden, and the largest garden at Lake Bancroft.

Councilmember Firby advised on Sunday July 2nd, the Ishpeming Schools would have their first presentation into the Hall of Excellence. There were 12 inductees and this will be an annual event.

Councilmember Bean thanked North Iron Church for all the clean-up; the Gus Macker was very well attended; on May 22nd, a large group cleaned the veteran grave stones; and the playground has started to go in for the School which was part of the renewal of millage.

Mayor Chapman noted the Memorial Day Ceremony was very well done; Bethel Lutheran Church will be handing out water bottles at the Fourth of July Parade; announced the Anatomy of a Murder showing at the Ishpeming High School Auditorium; thanked the Police Department for all their work; reminded residents he has regular coffee hours on the fourth Friday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center; and advised June was Pride Month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

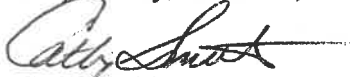
Acting City Manager Joe Erickson announced Manager Cugini was at the Small Town and Rural Development Conference downstate and he was also a presenter; he reviewed the status of the Empire Street Reconstruction project; thanked North Iron Church for their working in cleaning various City gardens and the roundabout and for painting the dugouts at the ballfield; and he announced the old Oasis Gas Station tank removal was a State project through EGLE.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon supported by Mayor Chapman and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy Smith", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Cathy Smith
City Clerk