

Council Proceedings, June 21, 2023
Ishpeming, MI 49849

The special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 21, 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, Elizabeth Firby, and Pat Scanlon (4). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini.

There was a moment of silence in honor of Councilmember Stuart Skauge.

Councilmember Pat Scanlon announced nominating petitions and affidavits of identity were available at the City Clerk's office for anyone interested in being appointment to the vacancy on Council. The petitions and affidavit would need to be returned to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on July 5th. The vacant term expires November of 2024. Interested candidates must be a resident of the City of Ishpeming and be a registered voter.

PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ON THE CONDITION OF CITY ROADS

Manager Craig Cugini handed out a copy of the presentation related to City Roads to Council. Chris Holmes from UPEA and Brian Fabbri from GEI Consultants were also in attendance.

Manager Cugini reviewed the Power Point presentation which included how taxes were distributed; Act 51 funding from the State; City distribution of roadway funding; and past methods used for the assessment of roads. He briefly summarized the list of related DPW equipment and previous road improvement efforts.

Brian Fabbri, GEI Consultants, provided an update on the Category B funding which included Prairie Avenue from Poplar Street to Jopling Street; Houghton Street; Stone Street; and Lower Bigelow. He advised the watermain design for Stone and Houghton Streets was currently being completed and further noted it had been determined lining would not work for that area. Tunnel Vision was currently working in the City on sewer lining. The paving plan was being finalized and paving should be completed for the Category B project by November 1st.

Chris Holmes, UPEA, provided a map of what roadways were included in the CWSRF project but this could change depending on the outcome of the bids due June 29th. There would be two separate contracts for this project. He further reviewed how the work was split between the contracts.

Manager Cugini explained the company that was suggested at the last Council meeting basically did parking lot maintenance and after discussions with the engineers, it was determined it was not a feasible solution for the City. Also talked about was Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC and it was noted their process was used for maintenance and if roads were too far degraded it would not be beneficial to use this process. Discussion followed on how potholes, cracking, and other maintenance items could be improved. There was discussion related to obtaining the Pothole Killer PK2000 from Patch Management including the cost of the equipment and materials. Council felt may be a good option and suggested a demo be arranged in the future along with gathering additional information on materials use, price, and comparisons.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, suggested the parking spaces at the intersection of Main Street and Pearl Street be looked into because parked vehicles were causing an obstructed view of Pearl Street and she also suggested the road to the hospital be repaved in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:24 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Scanlon supported by Councilmember Firby and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Smith, City Clerk

