

Ishpeming City Council Proceedings: June 12, 2024
Ishpeming, MI 49849

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, in the Ishpeming City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Jason Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Ann Olds, 1165 9th Street, thanked Council for finding an opportunity to get new playground equipment for the park in Wabash. She expressed her concern with the condition of the basketball court and asked Council to consider resurfacing the basketball court and adding new hoops and nets on the court on Wabash Street.

Ray Olds, 1165 9th Street, talked about the equipment that was located at the Bruce Asgaard Park versus what was listed for the park in 2016; he suggested trash cans be placed at the park and improvements be made to the basketball court on Wabash Street. He thought getting new playground equipment for that park would be wonderful.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Council-Manager Governance Presentation by ICMA/MME

Ray Anderson, ICMA/MME, thanked Council for their public service and for having him present tonight. He gave a brief overview of his career in local government and explained he would be presenting on Council-Manager Governance. He advised he would take questions throughout the presentation versus waiting until the end.

He reviewed the following topics: Legal Basis of Council-Manager Government; Principals of Public Administration; Principals of Public Service Ethics; Council Member Roles; Administrator Duties; Productive Council-Administrator Relations; and Council Member Effectiveness.

There was discussion and questions related to the Open Meetings Act, roles of Councilmembers; Council Member attendance and making public comment and other board and commission meetings; ethical versus unethical behavior; and social media presence for individual Council Members.

b. Discuss the purchase of used playground equipment

Manager Cugini explained the playground equipment was located in Marinette, Wisconsin and was from a school that closed and was going to be converted to a medical care facility so they were selling the playground equipment. The listed value of the equipment was \$150,000 and the firm asking price was \$35,000. He also spoke with the manufacturer and our insurance company, MMRMA, related to disassembling and reassembling the playground equipment for the City's use. The estimated cost for staff time, travel, and transportation was approximately \$11,692.

Finance Director Grant Getschow provided the list of capital projects that had been approved for 2024 for Council's review to determine possible funding.

Discussion took place related to the Capital Improvement Projects and which projects could be reduced in scope for funding for the playground equipment; seeking crowdfunding; and possible donations from local organizations. Council also talked about suitable locations for the playground equipment and the possibility of splitting up the equipment and placing some of the new equipment in two areas.

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A motion was made by Mayor Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to purchase the equipment utilizing our own labor to get the equipment for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 with funding to come from the Public Improvement Fund.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:43 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Firby, seconded by Councilmember Scanlon and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Cathy Smith, City Clerk