

A Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, January 8, 2014, in the Ishpeming Senior Center. Mayor Tall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tall, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, Elaine Racine, and Mike Tonkin (5). Absent: None (0). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney David Savu.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Tall and seconded by Councilman Tonkin to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 4, 2013
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Monthly financial statements
- d. Request of Red Earth to use City property and obtain City support for their proposed activities for 2014
- e. Request for street closures between September 2-7, 2014, for a carnival and Oktoberfest event on First and Second Streets
- f. Designate publishing organ for 2014 – Mining Journal
- g. Designate bank depositories for 2014 – Peninsula Bank, Wells Fargo, TruNorth, First Merit, Northern Michigan Bank & Trust, and U. P. Catholic Credit Union
- h. Appoint Stacia Lynn to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission

Sale of Real Property at 446 West Johnson Street to James and Angela Roat

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Mayor Tall that the real property at 446 West Johnson Street be sold to James Arthur Roat and Angela Kay Roat for the sum of \$5,000 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Warranty Deed; provided, however, that the sale and authority to execute the deed are specifically contingent upon the City receiving a warranty deed from the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company transferring title to said real property to the City. Motion carried.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 12-103(1)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Juidici to adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 12-103(1), An Ordinance to Provide for the Collection of Delinquent Water and Sewer Charges, as an emergency ordinance. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 2 for the Carnegie Library Lower Level Renovation Project

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Tonkin to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Library Lower Level Renovation Project, which provides for an increased cost of \$8,437.94, as presented. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 3 for the Partridge Creek Phase II Contract I – Storm Sewer Project

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Mayor Tall to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Partridge Creek Phase II, Contract I, Storm Sewer Project, which provides for a \$48,410.99 decrease in the project cost, as presented. Motion carried.

Gateway Enhancement and Streetscape Improvement Amendment #1

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Tonkin to approve MEDC Grant Amendment #1 to extend the project completion date for the Gateway Enhancement and Streetscape Project to July 31, 2014, and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment. Motion carried.

Submission of a Brownfield Authority Project Application

A motion was made by Mayor Tall and seconded by Councilwoman Racine to approve the Brownfield Project Application to restore and improve Lake Bancroft water quality and near shore conditions to a more natural and healthful state, as presented, and authorize the City Manager to submit the application to the Marquette County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried.

Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Category 2

Mr. Slown explained that the State of Michigan requires plans for three EVIP categories in order to receive revenue sharing funds. Category 2 is an innovation, privatization, cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation plan. The major change to this year's plan is the cooperation of the City and Marquette County on the downtown façade grants.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Mayor Tall to approve the EVIP Category 2 Plan as presented and to authorize the City Manager to submit it to the State of Michigan by February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan

The current five-year recreation plan expired on December 13, 2013. In order to apply for DNR grants, the City must have a current recreation plan. Two proposals were received to update the plan, but funding for preparation of the plan is not included in the 2014 budget. The plan must be submitted to the DNR by March 1, 2014, and approved by April 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilwoman Racine to reject the two proposals to prepare the five year recreation plan and to authorize the City Manager, Ray Roberts, the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Carol Holmgren to prepare a five year recreation plan for 2014-2018. Motion carried.

Fire Department Request to Submit a Grant

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Juidici to authorize the Fire Department to submit a grant request to Cliffs-Rio Tinto in the amount of \$125,000 for a used aerial truck and to seek other grants and funding sources to assist in the purchase of the vehicle. Motion carried.

Insurance Coverage for Repairs to a Property Owner's Water and Sewer/Septic Tanks

There are private companies trying to sell insurance to residents for repairs to water and sewer lines on private property. It was expressed that it is City policy to not endorse or oppose these companies, and property owners should be aware that it is at their discretion and possible risk if they want to do business with these companies.

Old Business

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Juidici that the City

Council authorizes, ratifies, and confirms the authority of Mayor Mike Tall to sign the PCBM Discharge of Mortgage on behalf of the City of Ishpeming and to deliver said Discharge of Mortgage to the Peninsula Bank. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Mayor Tall to amend the motion adopted on November 6, 2013, authorizing the city Manager to sign the release of mortgage for the bowling alley parcel owned by PCBM Management to include the Mayor as an additional authorized person to sign the release of mortgage and such other necessary documents as deemed necessary by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tall reported he has received compliments on the DPW plowing this winter. There were three water breaks during the holiday season, and 50 water leaks for the past year.

Councilman Tonkin

Councilman Tonkin attended the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, and both commissions are willing to assist in the preparation of a five year recreation plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission is working on rental rates. He complimented the snow plowing by DPW, and said he has not received any negative comments on the water rates.

Councilwoman Demarest

The Library Board meeting was cancelled last month, and there was a nice article in the Mining Journal.

Councilwoman Racine

Councilwoman Racine complimented the work done by the DPW this winter.

Councilwoman Juidici

Councilman Juidici said the DPW has done a wonderful job.

Manager's Report

Mr. Slown said staff has been very busy. He is working on budget amendments, and a reorganization plan will be presented at the next meeting. The amount of lost water is a major concern that has to be resolved. The Ski Hall of Fame has a plan to add a new gateway feature. Mr. Slown thanked Marquette County for their assistance with the downtown façade project application.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Mayor Tall to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Carol Holmgren
Recording Secretary