

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at the Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Tall called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tall, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, Racine (1:37 p.m.), and Tonkin.

Also present were City Manager Slown, Fire Chief Anderson, DPW Director Kangas, Library Director McNaughton, Police Chief Willey, and Planning Commission Chairman Roberts.

#### AGENDA COMMENT

None.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – AMY CLICKNER

Mrs. Amy Clickner, Chief Executive Officer for the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP), introduced members of her team to the City Council: Carolee Sandberg, Director of Business Development; Derek Bush, Business Development Representative; and Denise Elizondo, Economic Development Liaison. LSCP informational/marketing packets were distributed to the Council and filed with the City Clerk.

Mrs. Clickner discussed the role of the LSCP and the relationship between the LSCP and the Marquette County Development Corporation. The LSCP does not function as a Chamber of Commerce, but it does work very closely with the Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce and the Marquette County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The LSCP offers multiple facets of support services to established local businesses and to business developers. Ms. Sandberg reviewed the variety of services available to established businesses, developers, and future business owners. The primary goals of the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) are to retain businesses, increase employment rates, and to promote new business. The EDC also provides business loans through their revolving loan fund.

#### GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Council Members received a list of short-term and long-term goals as prepared by the department heads. Each department head was offered the opportunity to present and review their one-time and on-going goals to the Council. The challenges facing all departments include decreasing staff levels and financial constraints.

By consensus of the City Council, a second goal setting workshop will be scheduled in order to offer the Council Members an opportunity to present and discuss their goals for the City.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Jenifer M. Rajala  
City Clerk