

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, November 5, 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 Attorney David Savu.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Mayor Tall and Chief of Police Dan Willey presented Life Saving Awards to Officer Corey Gaboury and Ms. Joslyn Todd for life saving measures taken on Joel Youngblood, who collapsed at a local business and was not breathing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Nelson, 216 Shoreline Drive, Negaunee, was there to speak on behalf of his brother who is a City of Ishpeming resident, regarding the plots in the old section of the City of Ishpeming Cemetery. He asked to have Ordinance #11600 be amended to allow raised markers in the old section of the cemetery. He suggested either allowing a provision for a lot split or grandfather raised markers in the old section of the Cemetery.

Justin Koski, 767 S. Pine Street, Ishpeming, congratulated all Council members on the results of the election and expressed his interest in the 2 year term appointment.

Dominic Andriacchi, 321 W. Division Street, Ishpeming, congratulated all Council members on the results of the election.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Tonkin to accept the minutes of October 8th and 27th as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici and seconded by Councilwoman Racine to approve the disbursements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Finance Director Jim Lampman updated the Council on various City accounts. Jon Kangas, Public Works Director, informed the Council the Landfill will be increasing their tipping fees, so the Council may need to revisit rates for garbage.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLOSEOUT OF CDBG GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT

Mayor Tall opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Dan Perkins, 500 W. Division Street, Ishpeming, stated he was impressed with the results of the grant and very happy with how the City was looking.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES

Mayor Tall opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Slown reported some amendments were made to the expenses in the proposed budget to increase fund balance.

Justin Koski questioned what amendments were made to the budget. Mr. Slown advised the budget included increasing the part-time employee to full time, however, it was decided to not include this in the 2015 budget so it was taken back out.

There being no further comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

ADOPT "AMENDED 2014" COLUMN IN THE 2015 BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici, to approve the amendment of the 2014 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT THE FORM L-4029 MILLAGE RATE REQUEST

After Mr. Slown reviewed the Form L-4029, a motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilwoman Racine to adopt the 2014 millage rates as presented on the form. Motion carried unanimously.

LICENSE AGREEMENT –PARTRIDGE CREEK FARM, LLC.

Mr. Slown indicated this was a proposal from Dan Perkins to utilize the 17.8 acres for Partridge Creek Farm. He recommended no action be taken tonight and to schedule a public hearing after the first of the year to take public comment.

Dan Perkins wanted this project to provide a farm for local food growth and to bring food production to our area.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici to set up a public hearing after the first of the year to take public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING OF WATER IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tonkin to approve the letter of engagement with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. to provide bond counseling for Rural Development financing for water improvement projects; and to waive competitive bidding as recommend by the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING OF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilwoman Demarest to accept the letter of engagement with Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C. to provide bond counseling for Rural Development financing for the building improvements project; and to waive competitive bidding as recommended by the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FROM CLANCEY ELECTRIC FOR LIBRARY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Ray Leverton summarized a meeting held at the library to discuss the lighting issues. He explained they received quotes from Clancey Electric to fix the lighting problems at the library and there was potential to save dollars in the long term with the new lights being installed as well as receive a credit from UPPCO of \$1,000 after installation. Two bids were received for two separate rooms at the library: \$6,950 and \$6,300. There were donations to cover the \$6,950 and the Committee would like the City to cover \$5,300.

Jesse Shirtz said she would very much like to have new lights installed at the library. It would be beneficial to everyone that utilizes the library.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici, to approve the proposals received from Clancey Electric for \$6,950 and \$6,300; with a budget not-to-exceed \$5,300 from the City. Competitive bidding would be waived as recommended by the City Manager. Motion carried.

PERMISSION FOR NOQUEMANON TRAIL NETWORK TO USE CITY PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Racine to grant permission for the Noquemanon Trail Network to utilize City property for a Ski Marathon on January 23rd – 25th, 2015, contingent upon approval of changes by Counsel and the City Manager to Section 9 of the Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM SUPERIOR SHORE SYSTEMS TO PUT UP SIGNAGE FOR RACE ON 6/13/15

Jon Kangas advised this would be very low impact to DPW. There would be some traffic control measurers but that would be covered by volunteers for the race.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tonkin to approve the request for signage for the race with safety patrol being set up at 7th Street. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FROM ANDERSON, TACKMAN AND COMPANY FOR AUDITS

It was noted, the proposal was for the yearly audits, however if a single audit was needed for federal dollars, an additional fee would be determined. A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest to accept the proposal from Anderson, Tackman, and Company for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 audits. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON TAX ROLL

A motion was made by Mayor Tall, supported by Councilwoman Racine and carried unanimously to have the delinquent accounts added to the tax roll.

OFFER FOR ITALIAN FEST TO CONSTRUCT PAVILION AT AL QUAAL RECREATION AREA

Jon Kangas explained St. Rocco/St. Anthony would like to build a pavilion at their cost for use during Italian Fest. There would be some in-kind cost from the DPW, however the City would also benefit from the construction of the pavilion using it for other events and/or rentals.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tonkin to approve the request from St. Rocco/St. Anthony Society to construct a pavilion at Al Quaal provided the plans or plan amendments are approved by the DPW Director and Parks and Recreation, that it match existing structures, and DPW would be involved in its location. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM UPSET

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Mayor Tall to approve \$8,000 for rendered services in the community to UPSET. The motion passed unanimously.

REAPPOINT ELYSE BERTUCCI AND GABE SELEN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A motion was made by Mayor Tall, supported by Councilwoman Demarest to appoint Elyse Bertucci and Gabe Seelen to a three year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Juidici suggested staff advertise for interested people that may want to serve on a board or commission.

REAPPOINT BRUCE HOUGHTON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilwoman Racine to appoint Bruce Houghton to a three year term on the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT JIM BERTUCCI ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT BOARD

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest to reappoint Jim Bertucci to a three year term on the Wastewater Treatment Board. Motion carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT ANGELO BOSIO TO THE HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilwoman Demarest to reappoint Angelo Bosio to a three year term on the Housing Appeals Board. Motion carried unanimously.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS EVENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Racine, supported by Councilman Juidici to allow the street closures for the Christmas events on November 28th, December 4th, 11th, and 18th. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tonkin gave an update on the Lake Bancroft project and asked Carr Baldwin to also give an updated. Mr. Baldwin advised the process worked well last year and there have been noticeable results. He thanked the community for their support and donations.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Demarest asked for an update on Deer Lake. Mr. Slown advised the area of concern at Deer Lake has been removed by the DEQ and EPA. This was a very good thing for the community and there will be a reception at City Hall on November 13th.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Tall announced this was his last meeting as Mayor and wished the best for Councilman Tonkin. He attended the 911 meeting and advised there was now the capability to text and this was the first in Michigan. He also attended the Housing Commission meeting and they are building a smoke shed to get the smoking away from the building. In addition, he thanked Chief Dan Willey for all the work being done in town in conjunction with UPSET.

Councilman Juidici thanked everyone who voted for him and looked forward to continue working on projects to make Ishpeming better.

Councilwoman Racine felt the voters spoke clearly on what they wanted. The Council race was very close and hoped the Council would consider that when filling the 2 year seat. She thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Councilwoman Demarest thanked her supporters. She attended the Library Board meeting and commented on how great the library looks. She thanked Ray Leverton for all his work and time he has given to the library. In addition, she thanked Lindberg and Sons for taking care of the landscaping around their lot. She also took part in a tour around the City with a group from the MML conference.

Councilman Tonkin thanked everyone for their votes and support. He attended meetings of the Lake Bancroft Committee, the Beautification Committee, and the Neighborhood Preservation Committee. He also attended the MML conference.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown informed the Council the election results were still not complete but there should be a determination made by tomorrow late morning and he thanked the election workers for their hard work. He also introduced Cathy Smith.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Savu reminded the Council of the expertise and knowledge the City had with Zoning Administrator Al Pierce.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Racine and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary