

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 in the Ishpeming Senior Center. Mayor Tonkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, Justin Koski, and Mike Tall (5). Absent: None (0). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Skauge, 450 Oak Street, announced the DDA was awarded the grant from Cliff's Eagle Mine Marquette County Community Foundation in the amount of \$250,000 for the Lake Bancroft Area. This money could also be used to leverage additional grant dollars. The grant also included an additional \$25,000 to hire a consultant to help with design and grant applications.

George Meister, GEI Consultants, reported the grant deadlines were April 1<sup>st</sup> so a lot of work would have to be done to get an application in. He provided information on some grant possibilities.

William Kemp, 405 S. Fourth Street, presented photos on the problem with parking during sporting events at the high school. His parents own the Old Fashion Baptist Church and people are always parking in their lot even with "Church Parking Only" signs posted.

Ryan Kemp, 405 S. Fourth Street, presented pictures of the parking issues on Division Street and the other areas around the school during events. The pictures showed various scenarios of parking and he indicated many times vehicles were parking close to the corner which was dangerous.

Deb Lucas, member of Old Fashion Baptist Church, showed pictures of vehicles blocking alleys and driveways. Some vehicles park in the handicapped parking spaces without a handicap sticker.

Robert Kemp, 405 S. Fourth Street, felt with no organized or collective effort to manage the parking during large sporting events, the church took it upon themselves to protect their property. They set chairs up across their lot to prevent people from parking however the chairs were moved. This problem has been ongoing and something needed to be done.

Shannon Kemp, 405 S. Fourth Street, stated she has contacted the school to try and resolve the issue with no success. She asked the City and the School to make all of Division Street no parking; for the school to announce before every game on Sunday and Wednesday no parking in the church lot and no blocking driveways/alleys or vehicles would be towed; the School mail a calendar of events to each homeowner within a four block radius; and police give property owners a no parking sign to put in their driveway.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the January 5 and January 7, 2015 minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the disbursements as presented.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Lampman reviewed the pooled cash account and summarized the major funds. He reported receipt of \$100,000 from the Section 19 funding and indicated there was approximately \$825,000 still to come from the Urgent Need Grant for reimbursement for the 2014 freeze emergency.

FIRE HOSE TESTING CONTRACT WITH FIRECATT, LLC.

Ed Anderson advised this contract was a one-year trial agreement and would cover testing of all the hoses at the fire hall at a rate of .29 cents per foot of hose.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the contract with FireCatt, LLC with a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,300 with the manager's recommendation to waive competitive bidding.

DOWNTOWN UTILITY PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #2 AND FINAL PAY REQUEST

Mr. Slown summarized some of the additional work that was done that increased the projects total cost by \$98,245.42. He noted the additional work performed would benefit the City in the long term. U.P. Engineers and Architects and Lindberg and Sons did a great job on the project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 and the Final Payment Request in the amount of \$98,245.42.

CHARITABLE GAMING RESOLUTION-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kori Tossava, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, explained the Chamber was in the process of becoming an eligible organization for Charitable Gaming Licenses and part of the application process required the local governing board pass a resolution confirming the Chamber of Commerce was a non profit organization.

A motion to approve a resolution for charitable gaming licenses and forward to the Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD 595

Mr. Slown felt the proposed road was a good idea as it would reduce travel distance, cut down the burning of fossil fuels, and appears to be environmentally sound.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept Resolution #2015-1 Resolution of the City of Ishpeming on County Road 595 and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign.

Councilwoman Demarest fully supported the Marquette County Road Commission's decision to appeal the EPA's objections to building County Road 595 but wished it did not have to come to a lawsuit. She felt the EPA should reopen this issue which would save a lot of money.

Councilman Tall stated Country Road 595 from Big Bay to Humboldt would get the double trucks off the highway which would make it safer for everyone traveling on US 41.

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to appoint Mark Slown, City Manager as the representative to the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

SET DATE FOR COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

It was a consensus to schedule a special meeting at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2015 GMC CANYON CREW CAB FOR DPW

Jon Kangas advised this was a MiDEAL quote from Red Holman of Westland, Michigan.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to award the purchase of a 2015 GMC Canyon Crew Cab 4-wheel drive pickup to Red Holman of Westland Michigan with the addition of the LED amber mini-lightbar in the amount of \$29,769.35; including the delivery quote of \$1.00 per mile.

OHM ADVISORS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL 207-209 DIVISION STREET

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to accept the professional services proposal to provide demolition documents, bidding assistance and demolition observation for 207-209 Division Street from OHM in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500.

Concern was expressed among the Council about accepting property on behalf of the City when the cost of demolition is so high. Also noted was Ordinance #11-1700, Section 11-1702.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Demarest requested an update on the archives meeting with Markus Robbins, from NMU; and Mr. Slown advised a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Robbins at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tall attended the Housing Commission meeting and they were currently evaluating the kitchen facilities; he also attended the Central Dispatch meeting and some work was still being done on minor problems with the texting feature for 911.

Councilwoman Demarest reported she attended the Library Board meeting and the new lights were in; a Librarian Assistant had been hired; and she also attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting.

Councilman Juidici advised there was a Cemetery Board meeting but he was unable to attend.

Councilman Koski attended the Parks and Recreation Board meeting and reviewed the Master Plan and the Recreation Plan; he attend the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski Jump which had a fantastic turn out; and commended the DPW on the quality of the ski trails. He also thanked the Kemp family for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns.

Mayor Tonkin reported he and other Council Members attended the Elected Officials Workshop put on by the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Program; he attended an Inspiration Zone Meeting which had a very good attendance, and reminded everyone if they had any questions the should always ask.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown advised staff would be checking into the situation brought forward by the Kemp's; he received a map from Jim Thomas showing a proposal for a multi-use trail that would be a nice addition to the trail network; he thanked Ed Anderson for all his work on grants for the fire department; thanked Mark Stoor from GEI for all the work on grants for the 2014 Freeze; reported the denial of a claim related to the Partridge Creek project; and also thanked the citizens and everyone involved in helping to better the future of our community.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff reported over the past few weeks she had the opportunity to work and meet with all the department heads and several staff on many different topics; was very happy to be back serving the City of Ishpeming, and looked forward to continue working with everyone.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Juidici to go into closed session to consider the purchase of real property at 8:29 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, Koski, and Tall (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Return to open session at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to authorize the Manager to pursue the purchase of property with Duke Lifepoint.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary