

A Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, February 16, 2015, in the City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Pro-Tem Demarest called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Claudia Demarest, Council Members Joseph Juidici, Justin Koski, and Mike Tall (4). Absent: Mayor Mike Tonkin (1). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the change of Item #2 Conceptual Plans being moved to first on the agenda.

CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR DPW/POLICE/CITY HALL/FIRE HALL

Danielle Foertsch and Jenifer Towlez from OHM Advisors presented and reviewed the conceptual plans for the DPW/Police/City Hall/Fire Hall improvements and summarized the project priority list. She reviewed the three alternates being proposed and there was some brief discussion on the DPW office space alternate. In addition, the Building Authority asked for the bathroom in the southeast corner of City Hall to be made functional, include fiber optic connection in the Council Chambers, and replace the basement door which exits to Main Street. Department Heads Jon Kangas, Ed Anderson, and Dan Willey were all in support of the conceptual plans.

Discussion on the proposed plans and possible future projects took place and it was noted this project would not fix all the problems but it would greatly improve the DPW/Police/Fire Hall building and make it more efficient and safe.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to authorize OHM Advisors to prepare the final plans and specifications for bids.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

Dan Willey stated two goals he had were (1) add another officer and promote one officer to a detective and (2) telephone and computer system upgrades.

Jim Lampman noted his goals were a city wide computer and telephone system upgrade, obtain secure e-mail, move towards direct deposit for payroll, and have computer generated 1099's.

Jesse Shirtz explained her goals for the library included continuing with the handicap accessibility and building improvements; continuing to make the library more user friendly; be more involved in the community; step up their presence in the media; and continue to update the technology available at the library.

Ed Anderson was very happy with the current renovation plans for the Fire Hall/DPW/Police departments as it worked toward his long term goal of making the building more efficient; he would continue to look for new ways to recruit firefighters; search for new training opportunities; apply for grants for equipment upgrades; and start a replacement schedule for a fire apparatus.

Jon Kangas advised water system and infrastructure improvements would continue to be worked on; would like to set up an equipment fund and a schedule for equipment replacement; keep staffing levels the same; and phone and computer system upgrade.

Bonnie Hoff and Cathy Smith both would like to see technology improvements to increase efficiency for everyone.

**Councilman Juidici:**

1. Water and sewer infrastructure improvements.
2. Establish an equipment replacement fund incorporating renting/leasing equipment.
3. Prepare a plan to move forward with selling/developing property on Malton Road.
4. Unfunded liability and the pension plan.
5. Attract new business.
6. Look at staffing in DPW and Police Department.

**Councilman Koski:**

1. Infrastructure improvements.
2. Technology updates at all facilities.
3. Establish an equipment replacement fund and replacement schedule.
4. Promote new business development and emphasize recreational opportunities.
5. Welcome community events.

**Councilman Tall:**

1. Infrastructure improvements.
2. Establish an equipment replacement fund.
3. Equipment maintenance software.
4. Look at staffing in DPW and Police Department.
5. Additional Façade Improvements to attract new business to downtown.
6. Improvements to the Al Quaal Recreation Area.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Demarest:**

1. Water system improvements through USDA grants and/or loans.
2. Unfunded liability and the pension plan.
3. Increase rental code fees to support the program and establish more strict regulations.
4. Establish plan with NMU for archiving city documents.
5. Automate water meters.
6. Arrange joint meeting with DDA to potentially reduce the TIF district.

SMALL URBAN GRANT PROJECT CLOSURE

Mr. Slown reported the project came in under budget by \$14,105.97. A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve contract modifications #2 and #3 as presented for a final contract amount of \$474,284.03.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary