

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 in the Ishpeming Senior Center. Mayor Mike 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). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Skauge summarized the written proposal that he presented to Council which pertained to his appointment to the Downtown Development Authority in December of 2012. He felt he was qualified, had enough experience and had contributed to fulfilling the goals of the DDA, had served well on the Authority, and would like to remain on it.

Jim Jenkins, a former Mayor for the City of Ishpeming, reminded everyone that the Green Bay Packers first road game was played in Ishpeming and he encouraged the Council to consider placing a monument at that location in Ishpeming so it could be remembered by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to move Request for Street Closures after the Monthly Financial Report and approve the agenda incorporating the above change.

AGENDA COMMENT

Dale Thomas advised he was from RAMBA and was present for the trail permit, Randy Yelle was present for the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, Chris Oja represented the Marquette Marathon, Pat Moyle was in attendance for the Appleridge conveyance, and Warren Wood was present for MSU's request for an iron formation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 3rd and 29th, 2015 as presented.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURES

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Parade Permit for the St. Anthony/St. Rocco Society for July 25, 2015.

Chris Oja, from the Marquette Marathon, reviewed the route proposed for the full marathon, advised the Marathon Committee was very excited about the event, and anticipated more

participants than last year. Mr. Kangas advised the Committee may want to consider a slight change in the route by using Hematite for a portion of the race.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the Marquette Marathon to be held on September 5th with a possible slight change in the route if necessary.

MARQUETTE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE PRESENTATION

Craig Salo, Marquette County Veterans Affairs Director, provided an overview of the department and the range of services provided to veterans including health care available, education benefits, burial benefits, and surviving spouse and dependent benefits.

MSU REQUEST FOR A PIECE OF IRON FORMATION

Warren Wood, from the Department of Geological Sciences at Michigan State University, was requesting the donation of an iron formation that was found at an abandon mine in Ishpeming. They wished to display it at the entrance of the Natural Sciences Building at MSU. There would be no cost to the City and a bronze plaque acknowledging the gift would be placed on the rock.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the donation of the iron formation to the Department of Geological Sciences at Michigan State University contingent that the formation is on City property.

PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE POST CONSTRUCTION ANNUAL MONITORING ON PARTRIDGE CREEK WETLAND MITIGATION SITE.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept the proposal from Coleman Engineering Company for the Partridge Creek annual monitoring on the wetland mitigation site in the not-to-exceed amount of \$17,200 distributed over five years.

RAMBA TRAIL SYSTEM PERMIT

Dale Thomas, RAMBA Representative, advised they had been building trails for 25 years and would like to become a lands management group which would be beneficial in obtaining more grant funds. They used all volunteer hours to maintain the trails. Councilman Juidici thanked Ms. Hoff, Jon Kangas, and Dr. Stephen Piereson for their work in developing the trail permit.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the RAMBA Trail Permit as presented and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY PHASE III RENOVATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve pay request #5 in the amount of \$16,450 and pay request #6 in the amount of \$10,406.77 from Cross General Contracting for the Carnegie Library Phase III project.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Change Orders #1, #2, and #3 for the Carnegie Library Phase III project.

PROPOSAL FROM CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the proposal from Central Heating and Cooling in the not-to-exceed amount of \$18,800 to install air conditioning at the Carnegie Library, to be paid with public donations, and with the Manager's recommendation to waive competitive bidding.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM OHM FOR LIBRARY ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Slown explained this was a proposal for engineering services for the Library entryway at a cost \$5,000. The steps and columns were in need of repair. Concern was expressed over the cost of the engineering services and what was being provided for the cost.

Steve Wright, from OHM, explained the intent of this proposal was to look at the entire project and determine viable solutions. It was a time and materials project so the cost could potentially be less than \$5,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to table this item until the proposed Special Council meeting on July 21, 2015.

APPLERIDGE RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCE FROM MOYLE TRUCKING

Pat Moyle, Moyle Trucking and Excavating, was requesting the City Council accept the conveyance of Appleridge Road right-of-way. He met with Jon Kangas regarding the condition of the road and Mr. Kangas explained the condition of the road was good and he was very satisfied with the 2 year warranty being provided by Moyle.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to accept the conveyance of the Appleridge right-of-way from Pat Moyle, Moyle Trucking and Excavating.

CONSIDER HIRING A CONSULTANT TO DESIGN DISC GOLF COURSE

Mr. Kangas advised the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the funding of \$1,800 for the design of the disc golf course at Al Quaal. In addition, it was recommended staff check into grants available from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for developing the course. Continued maintenance was also discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the funding in the amount of \$1,800 for the design of the disc golf course at Al Quaal per the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

RESOLUTION #2015-6, ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR NEZ CERTIFICATE, 708 BANK

Councilman Tall stated he would abstain from voting on this item. A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Juidici to approve Resolution #2015-6, Resolution acknowledging receipt of application for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate for 708 Bank Street. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin and Council members Demarest, Juidici, and Koski (4). Nays: none (0). Abstained: Councilman Tall (1). Motion passed.

RESOLUTION #2015-7, SUPPORTING AMENDMENT TO MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Randy Yelle, MCSWMA Chairperson, indicated the Authority would like to remove the requirement of a Bachelor's Degree in engineering from the Director's job description.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2015-7, Supporting Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's amendment to the intergovernmental agreement.

RESOLUTION #2015-8, CALLING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TIF BOUNDARIES

Mr. Slown explained the Downtown Development Authority was asking for a public hearing to remove the Hematite Heights subdivision and the Ishpeming Hills subdivision from the tax increment financing boundary. This would not have an effect on the taxes paid by taxpayers it only changed how the tax dollars were distributed.

A motion was made Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2015-8, Resolution calling public hearing regarding amendments of boundaries of Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority.

REPAYMENT OF DDA DEBT

Mr. Slown reported reducing the size of the boundary would reduce the revenues for the DDA by approximately \$30,000/year. Repayment of the debt would offset the loss.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the twenty year repayment schedule for the debt owed to the DDA at \$37,247.17 per year.

DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR THE MALTON ROAD NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the GEI Consultants proposal for the Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail project in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,480 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

DECLARE LIBRARY MAGAZINE HOLDERS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to declare 100 magazine holders at the Carnegie Library as surplus property.

CGI COMMUNICATIONS, INC. LETTER

Mr. Slown explained CGI had a previous agreement with the City to provide cost-free video production services that would be featured on the City's official website. In exchange, CGI would solicit advertisements, with the City's support, from local business to be put on the video. They would like to do this again by sending another letter to local business. Concern was expressed over the wording in the letter which referenced "a partnership" and it was felt a redraft of the letter was needed.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to table this item until the proposed special meeting on July 21st and have staff prepare a redraft of the proposed letter.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM THE MICHIGAN UPPER PENINSULA TRAVEL AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Michigan Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association's request for an Investment Allocation of \$300.

CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF SANDY ARSENAULT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to confirm the appointment of Sandy Arsenault to a four year term on the Downtown Development Authority.

SET SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH AND TUESDAY, JULY 21ST

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to schedule two special Council meetings: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tall thanked Anne Giroux for submitting the blight elimination grant for Ishpeming; thanked DPW and Police for all the work during the Fourth of July holiday; thanked the Fourth of July Committee for all their work on the festivities; and expressed how wonderful the Cemetery looked.

NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Tonkin reported the 4th of July parade went very well and there was a wonderful turnout; the City was looking very good; and thanked Bob and Cheryl Marietti for all their work around town.

Councilman Juidici agreed with the comments from Mayor Tonkin and Councilman Tall and reiterated that the Parade and all 4th of July festivities went well and he attended the RAMBA Trail Permit Committee meetings.

Councilman Koski concurred with all comments on the Fourth of July; attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting; was happy with all the support for the disc golf course; and the designer was looking forward to creating the course.

Councilwoman Demarest thanked the Fourth of July Committee, DPW, and the Police Department for all their hard work to make the Fourth a success; the Festival of Treasures had a great turnout; attended the I.M.B.A Summit; attended the Great Lakes Recovery Center's open house; attended the DDA meeting but missed the Library Board meeting; thanked Robin Peterson for all the work she had been doing at the Mather Inn; attended the Meet the Heroes at Al Quaal put on by the Library which had an excellent turnout of over 300 children and parents; reported half the lighting in the Children's Room at the Library was finished and the rest would

be completed soon; and thanked Bob O'Connor, Rental Code Inspector, for all his hard work and wished him well in his new job.

Councilman Tall advised he attended the Housing Commission meeting and they were starting a no smoking policy and Central Dispatch was still working on some problems with texting but it should be working soon.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown reported the intern, Caroline Eickelkamp, was working out great and thanked everyone for all their hard work.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff advised she was working on the Unsafe Building Ordinance and the Rental Code Ordinance to make them stronger; she also commented on how wonderful the Cemetery was looking.

Jon Kangas felt next year the sweepers should go through after the Festival of Treasures, which is usually held on the 3rd, to clean up the streets before the Parade the next day.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary