

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, April 8, 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, and Justin Koski (4). Absent: Mike Tall (1). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bob Marietti briefly summarized the goals and objectives of the Inspiration Zone. The main goal was to create a City that offers a safe, secure, and attractive place to live.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

#### DNR PLANS FOR LAKE ANGELINE

Eric Doe, a Regional Field Planner for the Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division gave a presentation on the proposed boat launch for Lake Angeline. An informational session was held Wednesday, April 8 at the Ishpeming Township Hall and the public feedback was positive. The DNR planned to submit the proposal to the DEQ within the next two weeks. A tentative start date for the project was August 1<sup>st</sup> with a target completion date of October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes as presented.

#### APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

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

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Lampman reported that the Marquette County Treasurer's Office had finalized its tax settlement with the City, payment of \$256,643 from delinquent taxes was expected.

#### DISCUSSION ITEM- THANK YOU TO FINLAND CALLING

Mark Slown would like to formally recognize Carl and Doris Pellonpaa for all they have done for the Finnish American community at a future Council meeting.

#### SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #7-400

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adopt amendments to Ordinance #7-400 Ordinance to Regulate the Registration of Residential Rental Dwelling Units, as of the second reading.

#### SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #7-500

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to adopt amendments to Ordinance #7-500 Ordinance to Require the Inspection of Residential Rental Dwelling Units, as of the second reading.

REQUEST FROM BELL FOREST PRODUCTS TO DONATE STEAM PLANT PROPERTY

Mr. Slown explained Bell Forest Products has abandoned their plans to utilize the site and no longer wish to keep the property. There was discussion among the Council and staff related to the contamination on the property and the cleanup required, the site being listed as a brownfield, along with concerns expressed over safety since the structure was partially demolished.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to not accept the donation of this property.

REQUEST FOR APPLERIDGE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY CONVEYANCE FROM MOYLE TRUCKING

Mr. Slown explained Patrick Moyle wished to convey 66 feet of right-of-way for Apple Ridge Road to the City. Discussion about the condition of the road and adding it to the plow route took place. This was basically an informational item as documentation was pending from Mr. Moyle regarding ownership. No action was required at this time.

DUKE LIFEPOINT PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Ms. Hoff was working with Duke Lifepoint's attorneys and the title company to close on the property. A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, support by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to proceed with the purchase of property from Duke Lifepoint.

RENEW CHIEF OF POLICE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to renew the Chief of Police contract with Dan Willey as presented.

APPROVE NEGAUNEE-ISHPEMING WATER AUTHORITY PROPERTY TRANSACTION

This property transaction would allow a new well site for the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority and secure a site for one of the gateway signs for the City. A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the NIWA property transactions and authorize the Mayor to sign.

DECLARE 2010 CHEVROLET TAHOE POLICE VEHICLE SURPLUS PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to declare the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicle as surplus property.

RED EARTH CLASSIC MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE REQUEST TO UTILIZE CITY FACILITIES

Tom Clark, Junior Race Director, thanked the Council for past support of the Red Earth Classic and requests that support again this year for the race on July 18<sup>th</sup>. He noted this would be contingent upon proof of liability insurance naming the City of Ishpeming as an additional insured as required by the City. He summarized the success and growth of both the race and their organization and advised this growth was largely due to the City's support and assistant.

Councilman Koski would abstain from voting as he was one of the Event Coordinators.

Chief Willey expressed his primary concern was the road crossings particularly on Business Route 28, and meeting the MDOT requirements for the crossings. He advised there were three options (1) flag controls, (2) road rules-biker yields to traffic and/or (3) law enforcement officers with deputized with cars. Mr. Kangas advised staff had spent a considerable amount of time reviewing and discussing this proposal. He indicated the road crossing concerns had been addressed adequately by utilizing flag controls and advanced warning signs.

There was discussion regarding creation of an Event Policy AdHoc Committee, consisting of staff, one council member and a couple of members from the public, to develop a policy for events in the City of Ishpeming. The Red Earth Classic would like to have the event approved with the contingency they would agree to abide by any policy adopted between now and the date of the race.

Councilwoman Demarest felt this item should be tabled until next month. No action was taken at this time.

Councilwoman Demarest suggested Councilman Juidici be appointed to the Adhoc Events Policy Committee with Mayor Tonkin being the alternate; and the Committee should arrange a meeting as soon as possible to start development of the policy.

#### OHM ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES UPGRADES

OHM Advisors incurred additional expenses when completing the design for the project. The extra work was required to resolve difficult design issues due to the limited space in the DPW/Fire/Police facility. A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, seconded by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the additional design services proposal for the City Facilities Upgrades with a not to exceed the amount of \$8,800.

#### OHM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> ST RECONSTRUCTION – 2015 SMALL URBAN GRANT

This was a professional services proposal from OHM for engineering services to reconstruct Third Street from the City's roundabout to Park Street. This reconstruction would eliminate parking on south side of Third Street. A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to accept the professional services proposal for Third Street Reconstruction for 2015 Small Urban Grant and schedule a special meeting of the Planning Commission to discuss the parking on Third Street.

#### CARNEGIE LIBRARY PHASE III RENOVATIONS PAY REQUEST #2

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Pay Request #2 for \$5,184 for the Carnegie Library Phase III.

#### RESOLUTION EXPANDING THE DOWNTOWN AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONE #1

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the resolution for the Expansion of the Downtown Area Neighborhood Enterprise Zone #1.

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEDC – REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Mr. Slown explained this was a multi-year process and would take some time to complete. A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve a resolution to authorize the City to participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community Program.

207-209 DIVISION STREET DEMOLITION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to sign the Notice of Award to U.P. Abatement in the not to exceed amount of \$52,267.47.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to sign the Notice of Award to Smith Construction in the not to exceed amount of \$60,500.

DEMOLITION OF THE TOBOGGAN RUN AT AL QUAAL

Jon Kangas explained the Parks and Recreation Committee approved the demolition of the Al Quaal Toboggan structure which was deteriorated and unused; and, potential construction of a new garage in that location.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the demolition of the toboggan run structure.

CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF JAY CLANCEY TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to confirm the appointment of Jay Clancey to the Downtown Development Authority.

SPRING KICK-OFF CLEAN UP DAY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to set Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> as a ceremonial kickoff “Spring Clean-up” day.

APPOINT BONNIE HOFF TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to appoint Bonnie Hoff to the Election Commission.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Demarest asked that “Approval of Agenda” be added to the agenda; and suggested the City Charter be put on the website.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Koski advised he attended the RRC training seminar which was very informative; he visited the library and the difference in the library from two years ago with all the excellent improvements was amazing.

Councilman Juidici attended the Cemetery Board and the joint meeting with the Planning Commission which was very productive regarding Malton Road.

Councilwoman Demarest attended the Library Board meeting and the elevator construction project was proceeding very well.

Mayor Tonkin attended a couple of Inspiration Zone meetings, attended a community improvement meeting, a beautification committee meeting and a joint Council/Planning Commission meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown advised the Ishpeming Historical Society was accepting application for membership, James Schuester, a hobby historian, brought in a mining activity report on the Hematite Heights area; Linda Andriacchi would be volunteering as the master gardener again for City Beautification and DPW would be assisting with watering again; there would be a Public Accuracy test at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall; the Aquatic Habitat Grant for Lake Bancroft was denied; Ed Anderson has retired as a Corrections Officers and has taken a position with the Red Cross as the Superior Upper Peninsula Disaster Program Manager.

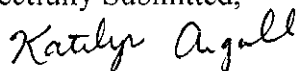
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff thanked Mr. Marietti for all his work with the Inspiration Zone; she thanked Mr. Tasson on the Lake Angeline matter and for swapping stories of Ishpeming; wished Councilman Mike Tall a speedy recovery; and lastly thanked David Savu for his continued help.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katelyn Argall  
Recording Secretary