

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 – There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the September 9, 22, and 29, 2015 minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Slown reviewed the financial statements ending September 30, 2015. He reviewed the pooled cash and general fund portions and briefly highlighted the revenues and expenses. A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements as presented.

RECOGNITION OF MARY VALENTI

Mary Valenti was stepping down from the Cemetery Board and was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to the City of Ishpeming.

CONFIRM 2015 TAX RATE REQUEST, FORM L4029

Mr. Slown advised this was the completed Form L4029 which included the Act 345 millage. A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to sign the completed Form L4029 as presented.

CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH NORTH COUNTRY DISPOSAL

Mr. Slown explained a subcommittee met with North Country Disposal to discuss renewal of the contract. North Country Disposal was interested in a renewal but had some concerns related to the bond. There was discussion related to the current services provided by North Country Disposal and the possibility of extending the contract for more than one year.

It was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the special meeting to be scheduled for mid-October.

SMITH CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT REQUEST FOR 207-209 DIVISION STREET

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the final payment to Smith Construction for the demolition of 207-209 Division Street in the amount of \$60,500 to be reimbursed from the Marquette County Blight Elimination Grant.

GUNDLACH CHAMPION PAY REQUEST #2 FOR CITY FACILITIES PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Gundlach Champion Pay Request #2 for the City Facilities Improvement Project in the amount of \$256,792.48 to be reimbursed from the Rural Development bond.

EAGLE MINE LAND DONATION

Mr. Slown thanked Eagle Mine for donating a clean piece of property to the City by abating and removing the structure on the site.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept the quit claim deed for the land donation from Eagle Mine.

RESOLUTION #2015-10 TO ADOPT THE 2015 MARQUETTE CO. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Slown explained adoption of the Plan makes the City eligible to apply for hazard mitigation grants when they become available. The Plan had been approved by the County Board of Commissioners, Michigan State Police-Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and FEMA.

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to adopt the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution #2015-10.

PRIORITY SITES FOR REDEVELOPMENT- REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES

There was discussion related to the possible sites for redevelopment. It was the consensus of Council to review the proposed sites and submit their top 5 choices to staff to collate.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A SKATE PARK

Discussion took place on possible locations of a skate park which included the ballfield complex, City owned land adjacent to Lakeshore Drive, and a portion of the Brownstone area. It was felt the site should not be locate too close to a residential area due to the noise. It was the consensus of the Council to forward this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their input.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL POLICY FOR BOATING ON LAKE ANGELINE

Mr. Slown provided a variety of rules and regulations implemented on other lakes. There was discussion related to the types of boating activity on Lake Angeline and possible restrictions that could be imposed. It was the consensus of Council to forward this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their input and recommendation.

CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW FORM

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to table the performance review and determine what form should be used for the evaluation.

NOMINATE GAIL LONGTINE TO THE MARQ-TRAN BOARD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to nominate Gail Longtine to the Marq-Tran Board.

NOMINATE COUNCILMAN MIKE TALL TO THE CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to nominate Councilman Mike Tall to the Central Dispatch Policy Board.

SET SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR MID-OCTOBER

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the special meeting for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ray Leverton Room at the Carnegie Public Library.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Juidici questioned the status of the "Old Steamplant" property by the Brownstone. The demolition had begun but needed to be completed. He would like staff to contact the owners, Bell Forest Products, and check into the status of the demolition.

Mr. Slown requested \$15,000 be allocated towards the USDA-RD Community Facilities Improvement project from the DPW Public Improvement Fund – Building Improvement line item together with the \$1,650,000 from Rural Development for a total of \$1,665,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to allocate \$15,000 to the City Facilities Improvement project from the DPW Public Improvement budget.

Mr. Slown explained a quote was received from Gundlach Champion for the main entrance repair at the Carnegie Public Library in the amount of \$39,000. There was discussion related to the quote received, the timeline for completion, and the work to be performed. Ray Leverton summarized all the work completed on the library to date.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the proposal received from Gundlach Champion for the main entrance stair replacement and repair in the amount of \$39,000 and per the Manager's recommendation waive competitive bidding.

Mr. Slown explained as part of the Rural Development bond closing the Legal Services Agreement with Bonnie Hoff had to be approved and signed by Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Bonnie Hoff and authorize the Mayor to sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tonkin advised he had been questioned by citizens as to the status of the windmill particularly because it has never worked. There was brief discussion regarding the windmill and Ray Leverton, a member of the Ishpeming Housing Authority, stated this would be checked into.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Tonkin reported all equipment had been removed from Lake Bancroft with the assistance of DPW.

Councilman Tall advised he did not attend the Housing Authority meeting but did attend the Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting.

Councilwoman Demarest report she attended the Library Board and the DDA meetings.

Councilman Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting.

Councilman Koski noted the gateway sign looked wonderful; thanked Ray Leverton for all his work on improvements at the library; and the Ski Hall Enshrinement weekend went great.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown reported the Police Department, DPW, and the Library have all been very busy; as well as, the front office staff at City Hall.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was none.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Juidici to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.243(13)g at 8:25 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, Koski, and Tall (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 8:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary