

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the Ray Leverton Room at the Carnegie Public Library. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, Justin Koski, Mike Tall (5). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Slown reviewed and summarized all the funds in the budget proposal. In his review of the Public Improvement Fund he explained some requests from DPW, Police, Fire, Library, and City Hall had been removed from the budget to allow funding for the Roundabout and Third Street Improvement project. He felt it was a good budget and recommended approval; however, he suggested another meeting be scheduled so Council had time to review the proposed 2016 budget.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule another meeting for the 2016 proposed budget and it was further requested a cover letter from the Manager summarizing the budget be provided for that meeting.

CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH NORTH COUNTRY DISPOSAL

Mr. Slown explained North Country Disposal would like to renew their contract for another five years and further explained they would like to continue with the Irrevocable Letter of Credit instead of the performance bond. He and Jon Kangas both recommended approval of the proposal to renew the contract with North Country Disposal.

Mr. Kangas noted dual stream recycling would begin on January 4, 2016 and North Country Disposal was already in contact with Brad Austin from the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. He advised notification to City residents would begin and public service announcements would be made.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to accept the proposal to extend the contract with North Country Disposal, pending review of the contract by Attorney Hoff, and waive competitive bidding as recommended by the City Manager.

DISCUSS CITY MANAGER'S REVIEW PROCESS

Discussion took place regarding how to proceed with the evaluation of the City Manager's performance and what would be the best performance review form to use. It was felt there was a good line of communication and Mr. Slown's door was always open to discuss issues.

Council agreed to submit completed evaluations to Mayor Tonkin and he would consolidate the responses.

RESOLUTION #2015-11: PERMISSION FOR MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND BANK
AUTHORITY TO DEMOLISH "OLD STEAM PLANT"

Mr. Slown reported the 110 Canda Street offer was rejected by the owners so Anne Giroux, County Treasurer, would like to replace that property in the Blight Elimination Grant with the "Old Steam Plant" property. There was discussion regarding the history of the site, the possibility of obtaining a salvage bid, and the need for other blighted structures to be demolished. Concern was expressed over the present owners of the structure not taking the responsibility for completing the demolition. It was further felt that no City dollars should be spent on the demolition of the structure.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski to approve the resolution contingent that satisfactory bids were received and that the grant would cover the cost of the demolition. Motion died for lack of support.

After further discussion related to the structure, a motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to table this item and request Anne Giroux attend the next available meeting to discuss this issue.

LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPPCO AND CITY OF ISHPEMING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the license agreement between UPPCO and the City as presented.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Koski to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) and to discuss purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) at 10:32 a.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, Koski, and Tall (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

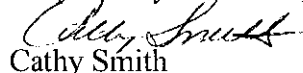
Returned to open session at 11:27 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the tentative agreements with the three AFSCME unions: DPW, Clerical, and Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:33 a.m., motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary