

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, November 4, 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

Jason Gauthier, from RG Design Company, prepared and handed out a property condition report for the Ishpeming Senior Center. He briefly summarized the findings in the report and indicated they were looking for the City's approval to conduct Phase 1 testing on the site potentially through a brownfield grant. It was the consensus of Council to review the findings in the report and place this item on a future agenda.

Amy Lerlie, from RAMBA, thanked the Council for their support with the Marji Gesick fundraiser race and also thanked Council for all their support for RAMBA events held in Ishpeming.

Erin Gauthier requested Council's approval of the Third Annual Ishpeming Trot event to be held in Ishpeming on Thursday, November 26, 2015. She advised this year's proceeds would go to the Army National Guard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to remove Item 20, potential skate park equipment from the agenda and add the Ishpeming Trot after item 5 and also add the Gundlach Champion proposal for the Library entryway repairs under Old Business.

ISHPETURKEY TROT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Third Annual Ishpeming Trot to be held on Thursday, November 26th as requested.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 7th, 20th, and 27th as presented.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the disbursement for October as presented.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2015. A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

RECOGNITION OF CODY SOLKA AND DAN MURPHY

Code Solka, Firefighter and Dan Murphy, Firefighter were recognized for being "Good Samaritans" and assisting a citizen in need on October 7, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES

Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing. There were no comments so the public hearing was closed.

UPDATE FROM MARK STOOR, GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, provided an update on projects they were currently working on which included the Rural Development Water Project; the SAW grant work which included televising the system; the Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail grant project; and the Complete Streets grant project. He explained the money being received for the complete streets grant was for planning and he suggested a committee be formed to determine what should be done.

CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH NORTH COUNTRY DISPOSAL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to renew the garbage contract with North Country Disposal and in the best interest of the City, waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager.

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY RECYCLING AGREEMENT

Brad Austin, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, discussed dual stream recycling and explained the process involved for the residents. He explained along with the regular trash, one week would be rigid materials and one week would fiber materials. He would be working with DPW to get the information/schedule out to all the residents.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the Recycling Agreement with the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority and authorize the Mayor to sign.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #7-500, ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DWELLING UNITS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of amendment to ordinance #7-500, Ordinance to Require the Inspection of Residential Rental Dwelling Units.

REQUEST FROM IBA FOR STREET CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the request from the IBA as presented for DPW assistance with street closures and no parking signs for the Christmas events in November and December.

TRANSFER OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES TO COUNTY TREASURER

Mr. Slown advised it was necessary for the City to object to the transfer of the property in order to proceed with the blight elimination grant process. A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to object to the transfer of property at 232 Hill, 172 Summit, 320 E. North, and 513 N. Third that did not sell at the second sale.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON THE TAX ROLL

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to authorize the City Treasurer to place the delinquent utility accounts on the tax roll as special assessments.

AGREEMENT WITH THE SKI HALL OF FAME

Councilman Koski abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Tall to approve the revised agreement with the Ski Hall of Fame to vacate the easement for the Second and Third Street connector project. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, and Tall (4). Nays: None (0). Abstain: Council Member Koski (1). Motion carried.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST TO DISPLAY CITY RECORDS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to allow the Ishpeming Area Historical Society to have on loan and display some of the document which had been set aside at City Hall.

SPECIAL EVENT – NOQUEMANON SKI MARATHON FOR JANUARY 23, 2016

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the special event for the Noquemanon Ski Marathon to take place on January 23, 2016 at Al Quaal.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to authorize the Police Department to hire an additional full time police officer.

REAPPOINT DAVID JOHNSON TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to reappoint David Johnson to a three year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

REAPPOINT GABE SEELEN, ANGELO BOSIO, AND LAUREN LUCE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to reappoint Gabe Seelen, Angelo Bosio, and Lauren Luce to three year terms on the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Slown explained Gundlach Champion had revised their proposal to only include the entryway steps, railings, and tuck pointing, not the coating because of the weather conditions. The manufacturer recommended the coating be applied in the summer. The new proposal was in the amount of \$32,600.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to rescind approval of the original proposal dated October 6, 2015 for the Library Entryway Project from Gundlach Champion in the amount of \$39,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the new proposal dated November 3, 2015 from Gundlach Champion for the Library Entryway Project in the not to exceed amount of \$32,600.

Councilman Koski thanked DPW and the Police Department for installing yield signs on Lower Pine. With the increased traffic due to the boat launch, the signs were a big help.

NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Tonkin reported he had received all the performance evaluations for the Manger from Council and would like a member from Council to review the evaluations with him and then meet with the City Manager. Councilwoman Demarest would assist the Mayor.

Councilman Juidici advised a lot of work had been going on behind the scenes with the many projects that GEI Consultants had been working on; he also stated the DPW/City Hall construction project was going well and looked great.

Councilman Koski was very glad to see the addition of the police officer; was very pleased with the budget; the gateway sign base looked great; and he missed the Parks and Recreation meeting.

Councilwoman Demarest attended the Library Board meeting and the DDA meeting.

Councilman Tall attended the Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting and indicated they were considering moving their operation to Sawyer; and he attended the Housing Commission meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown reported the phones were down at City Hall due to the construction but were now fixed; the holiday lights put up by DPW looked great; and the construction projects were moving along.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Ms. Hoff had no report.

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) at 8:21 p.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, Koski, and Tall (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

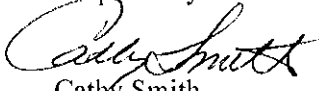
Returned to open session at 8:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Police Officers Association of Michigan tentative agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cathy Smith
Office Manager