

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 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

Mr. Slown requested the approval of Labor Union Agreements be removed from the agenda and asked to add under New Business Lake State Roofing proposal to repair roof at City Hall and also add amend the previous resolution as to the signatory on the Blue Cross Blue Shield contracts.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the above changes.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup> as presented.

#### APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

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

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Lampman presented the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2015. He briefly summarized the various funds and the fund balances.

#### PROCLAMATION HONORING THE ISHPEMING HEMATITE FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. Slown read the proclamation and presented the plaque to the 2015 Division 7 State Football Champion Ishpeming Hematites. Council congratulated the Hematites on their success and thanked the players for being wonderful representatives of our community.

#### PRESENTATION ON DUAL STREAM RECYCLING – MCSWMA

Brad Austin, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, reviewed the process for dual stream recycling which would begin on January 4, 2016.

#### UPDATE FROM MDOT/OHM ADVISORS – ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Aaron Johnson, from MDOT, thanked the Council for their leadership in making this project happen. He also reviewed the timeline for the project and explained how the traffic would be maintained throughout the construction.

#### APPROVAL OF 2016 FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the 2016 Fee Schedule as presented.

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

Mr. Slown explained, since the first reading, there were a couple minor additional changes made to the ordinance that were highlighted in green.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #11-905 APPROVING NEW TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance #11-905 Approving New Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan, as of the second reading.

GUNDLACH CHAMPION PAY REQUEST #4 – CITY FACILITIES PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #4 from Gundlach Champion in the amount of \$277,234.58 for the City Facilities Improvement Project.

FIRE FIGHTERS WAGE INCREASE

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to authorize the .60 per hour wage increase, which was received by the unions for 2016, for the firefighters and to take effect on January 1, 2016.

OPT OUT OF 80/20 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PER PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to exempt the City of Ishpeming from the hard cap and 80/20 health insurance premium cost sharing requirement of Public Act 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2016.

LAKE BANCROFT AQUATIC HABITAT GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Slown advised the aquatic habitat grant that was submitted to the DNR required some changes before the DNR would consider it for funding. He further explained the way the match dollars were presented in the application needed to be changed. The match had to be 10% of the grant which would total \$20,000; \$10,000 from donations received already, \$3,000 of in-kind service; and \$7,000 would need to be committed from the City which was not budgeted for in 2016.

Concern was expressed among Council regarding the commitment of \$7,000 towards the project. Mr. Slown pointed out the grant could be reapplied for next year and the additional donations could be sought to cover the additional \$7,000.

There was discussion among Council, staff, and Carr Baldwin, engineer and member of the Lake Bancroft Committee regarding the specifics of the project, preventing the lake from becoming a swamp, and striving to achieve a sustainable fishery.

Mr. Lampman suggested the commitment of the additional \$7,000 would allow the application to be submitted and the funds would only be expended if the grant was approved and accepted. This would allow time to obtain further donations.

Councilwoman Demarest expressing concern about allocating the money to this project when she has received so many complaints about pot holes in the streets.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Juidici to push forward with the changes needed in the grant application and make the commitment that the City would provide \$7,000 towards this project contingent on approval and acceptance by Council of the grant agreement, if the grant was awarded, and to authorize the City Manager to submit the revised grant application. Ayes: Council Members Juidici, Koski, and Tall (3). Nays: Council Member Demarest (1). Abstain: Mayor Tonkin (1). Motion passed.

REMOVE CITY ATTORNEY FROM BUILDING AUTHORITY AND APPOINT FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mr. Slown explained it had been determined that it was a conflict of interest for the City Attorney to advise Council on contracts with the Building Authority and to act as a principal on the Building Authority Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to remove City Attorney Bonnie Hoff from the Building Authority and appoint Jim Lampman, Finance Director with the term expiring June of 2016.

ESTABLISH COMMITTEE FOR COMPLETE STREETS GRANT

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, requested a committee be established to review and give direction on what to accomplish with the grant dollars received from the Marquette County Health Department for complete streets. The committee should be comprised of the DPW Superintendent, City Manager, Ray Roberts, a member of RAMBA, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a representative from the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, and a member from Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to establish the Complete Streets Committee and Councilman Koski would be part of the committee.

ESTABLISH COMMITTEE FOR LAKE BANCROFT PROJECT

Mr. Slown would like to establish a committee to discuss the Lake Bancroft Area development project. Mayor Tonkin and Councilwoman Demarest volunteered to participate on the Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to establish a committee for the Lake Bancroft Project.

REAPPOINT DAVID JOHNSON TO THE HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to appoint David Johnson to a three year term on the Housing Appeals Board.

REAPPOINT JIM BERTUCCI TO THE NEGAUNEE/ISHPEMING WATER AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to appoint Jim Bertucci to a three year term on the Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the special meeting for Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ray Leverton Room at the Carnegie Public Library.

After discussion regarding the 2016 meeting schedule, a motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to reschedule the Wednesday, January 6, 2016 City Council meeting to Wednesday, January 13, 2016; and, reschedule the Wednesday, April 6, 2016 City Council meeting to Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Slown explained Lake State Roofing had made a proposal, in the amount of \$3,800, to repair the roof on the west side of City hall that was damaged last year by falling ice. It was pointed out the proposal had a 5 year craftsmanship warranty but did not specifically specify ice damage.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Lake State Roofing proposal in the amount of \$3,800, contingent upon receiving an additional guarantee on ice damage and waive competitive bidding at the recommendation of the City Manager.

Mr. Slown explained Council had authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Health Insurance; however, the documents required the City Manager to sign the documents.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to amend the previous motion and authorize the City Manager to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield documents versus the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slown reported Michigan Energy Options had another grant opportunity to proactively plan for and implement strategic energy efficiency, renewable energy, and related sustainability investments with an "in-kind" match towards the grant. The "in-kind" match would consist of staff time.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to sign the grant application with Michigan Energy Options.

Jon Kangas explained there was \$50,000 left in DPW Building Improvements and he would like to utilize \$12,042.42 for furnishings in the DPW Department, as well as, \$4,209.42 for City Hall furnishings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to concur with staff recommendation and award the bid to U.P. Office Furnishings in the amount of \$12,042.42 for the DPW furnishings and \$4,209.42 for City Hall furnishings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to begin using a consent agenda again starting with the January regular meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Koski commented on how well Al Quaal looked, and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Juidici attended several meetings including the Cemetery Board meeting.

Councilwoman Demarest attended the DDA meeting; the Library Board meeting and advised the steps were finished and the handrails should be in this month; she attended the Friends of the Library open house; walked in the Christmas parade which had a good turnout even with the Hematites downstate again; congratulated the Hematites again on their success; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Tall reported Central Dispatch was moving out to K.I. Sawyer; regional was staying at the State Police Post; he attended the Housing Commission meeting and HUD was developing a no smoking policy; attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the Housing Commission; and congratulated the Ishpeming Hematites again and commended their sportsmanship.

Mayor Tonkin enjoyed going to the ceremony for the Hematites and they were true ambassadors of our City; walked in the Christmas parade which had a great turnout; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Slown advised he would provide a written report to Council.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff congratulated the Ishpeming Hematites on their achievements and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Office Manager