

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 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

Carol Fulsher, from the Iron Ore Heritage Trail stated she was present to discuss Resolution #2016-1 for the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Koski requested Item #14 Gundlach Champion Change Order #6 be removed from the agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the above change.

AGENDA COMMENT

Jim Lampman, Finance Manager, reviewed the financial statements ending December 31, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Koski stated he would abstain from voting as he was the Event Coordinator for item 7j the Red Earth Classic.

A motion was made by Councilman Tall and supported by Councilwoman Demarest to approve the following consent agenda items. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, and Tall (4). Nays: None (0). Abstain: Councilman Koski (1). Motion carried.

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (December 9th and 17th)
- (b) Approval of Disbursements
- (c) Monthly Financial Statements
- (d) Confirm Appointment of Carrie Meyer to fill a vacancy on the DDA
- (e) Special Event Request – RAMBA UPCROSS on February 6, 2016
- (f) Special Event Request – 906 Polar Roll on February 20, 2016
- (g) Special Event Request – Ishpeming 4th of July Committee
- (h) Special Event Request – VFW Fundraiser on June 18, 2016
- (i) Special Event Request – Iron Range Roll on June 4, 2016
- (j) Special Event Request – Red Earth Classic on July 16 and 17, 2016

GUNDLACH CHAMPION CHANGE ORDER #5 – CITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Slown explained this change order was an increase of \$34,158 which would put the project over budget by approximately \$2,000. The time line for substantial completion was January 29, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #5 for the City Facilities Improvement Project in the amount of \$34,158.

GUNDLACH CHAMPION PAY REQUEST #5 – CITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #5 from Gundlach Champion in the amount of \$254,573.40 for the City Facilities Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION #2016-1, IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2016-1 for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Recreation Authority and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Councilman Koski thanked Carol Fulsher and the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Authority for all their work and felt the trail was an asset to the community and was utilized by many citizens and groups throughout the area. Also noted was how several communities had come together to support the trail and discussion on other possible ways to partner in the future regarding trail development took place.

APPROVE DEMOLITION OF MCNEASE PROPERTY AT 713 N. SECOND STREET

Mr. Slown indicated \$12,000 which was held from the insurance claim would pay for a portion of the demolition and the City would attempt to recover the remainder of the cost.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the demolition of the fire damaged structure at 713 N. Second Street and authorize the City Manager to sign the proposal from Associated Construction dated January 7, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$21,435.

SET PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE RIVER STREET

Mr. Slown advised after discussions with the neighboring property owner regarding his fear of losing access to his property if the vacation was granted, he could not recommend proceeding with this vacation request. Concern was also expressed that the neighboring property owners were not notified of the request to vacate a portion of River Street.

Duane Dennis explained what his intentions were with the property and advised it would in no way prevent access to the adjoining property owner.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to deny the request to vacate a portion of River Street.

CITY ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the City Attorney's employment agreement and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign.

DESIGNATE PUBLISHING ORGAN FOR 2016

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to designate the Mining Journal as the publishing organ for 2016.

DESIGNATE BANK DEPOSITORIES FOR 2016

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to designate m-Bank, Wells Fargo, TruNorth, First Merit, Northern Michigan Bank and Trust, and U.P. Catholic Credit Union as the bank depositories for 2016.

COST SHARING REQUEST FROM SANDS TOWNSHIP FOR LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Ms. Hoff explained Sands Township was seeking legal counsel to review two issues: (1) the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority (MCSWMA) removing the County of Marquette from the Inter-local Agreement, and (2) the MCSWMA attorney sitting on the County Board. Sands Township was requesting municipalities to share in the cost for legal counsel.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to agree to share in the cost of legal counsel in the not to exceed amount of \$500.

SET DATE FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

It was the consensus of Council to set a special meeting to discuss City Hall staffing and related issues for Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tall question if the special Saturday refuse collection would begin again in January; Jon Kangas advised the refuse collection was scheduled for the last Saturday in January.

Councilwoman Demarest requested an update from staff regarding leases with individuals on property the City owned.

Councilman Juidici questioned the status of hiring the new police officer; Chief Willey replied seven application had been received for the position and it should be filled soon.

Councilman Koski inquired on how the dual stream recycling was working. Mr. Kangas indicated DPW had been receiving phone calls with questions and he reminded everyone any problems should be directed to North Country Disposal as they are always very responsive.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tall reported on his meetings with Central Dispatch and the Housing Commission and thanked the Elks for providing a breakfast to the Ishpeming Hematite Football Team.

Councilwoman Demarest reported she attended the DDA meeting and the Library Board meeting; attended the Hematites Building Better Communities groundbreaking and tour and felt this was a very positive venture, was great for the students and the community, and thanked John Larson, Mike Lempinen, and Ron Grochowski for volunteering their time; she also thanked the Ishpeming High School staff and Land Bank for putting this venture together.

Councilman Juidici congratulated Lindberg and Sons for getting the bid for the Roundabout project and was happy to see a local firm receive it.

Councilman Koski also congratulated Lindberg and Sons for receiving the bid for the roundabout project; and thanked the DPW for doing a great job on snow removal.

Mayor Tonkin thanked everyone for all their great work for 2015 and looked forward to 2016; was glad to see the City Facilities project was wrapping up; and congratulated Lindberg and Sons for getting the bid for the roundabout.

MANAGER'S REPOR

Mr. Slown advised he would provide a written report to Council.

He briefly summarized Resolution #2016-2 Opposition to Public Act 269.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution #2016-2 Opposition to Public Act 269 as presented.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Thanked the City Council for their support over the last year and stated it had been an honor to serve the Council as their attorney over the last year and look forward to many years ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Office Manager