

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 3, 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, and Mike Tall (4).

Absent: Council Member Justin Koski (1). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joni Gleason thanked Council for allowing the horse crossing signs to be installed on Malton Road and also suggested Council consider changing the name of Malton Road to reflect on the history of that area, such as Union Park Drive.

Terry Austin, 417 Marquette Street, summarized the sewer issues that had been occurring and reoccurring at his residence on Marquette Street. He asked Council to consider helping resolve some of these issues during the water project in 2017. Mr. Kangas indicated he was aware of the situation and options would be investigated.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici and supported by Councilwoman Demarest to approve the following consent agenda items.

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (January 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>)
- (b) Approval of Disbursements
- (c) Monthly Financial Statements
- (d) Special Event Request – Ishpeming Ski Club on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

PRESENTATION – WESTERN MARQUETTE COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION – 2016 TALKING TOUR

Kori Tossava, Director of the Western Marquette County Health Foundation, briefly explained the goals of the Foundation and proudly announced that over \$175,000 had been given back to the community, which included partnering with the West End School Districts, competitive grants, and supporting community events. Additional information was available on their website.

GEI CONSULTANTS – MALTON ROAD NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL PLAN

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, reviewed the two proposed changes to the original trail plan. First, the section of trail that would connect New York Street to Malton Road would be built in conjunction with the Rural Development Water Project and the cost savings would allow the use of a crushed limestone surface for the trail; and, second, the original picnic area at the far north end would be relocated near the crossing of the existing mountain bike trail.

Mr. Slown explained Council's approval was needed for the revisions to the Plan along with a commitment to construct the approximate 400 feet of trail between Malton Road and New York Street during the Rural Development water project. Discussion followed regarding the commitment to construct the trail connection and the estimated costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Mayor Tonkin and carried unanimously to accept the revisions to the Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail Plan as presented.

REQUEST TO USE MALTON ROAD PAVILION FOR A WEDDING – JUNE 25, 2016

Mr. Kangas advised this area was not an established park, however the applicant had agreed to pay park rental fees. He recommended Council approve the wedding and authorize the issuance of a park permit. DPW would prepare the site, however, he felt the pavilion should be inspected for safety before final approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the request to use the Malton Road pavilion for a wedding on June 25, 2016 contingent upon Jon Kangas' inspection of the pavilion for safety.

ADOPT REVISED ADA GRIEVANCE POLICY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve the revised ADA Grievance Policy as presented.

GUNDLACH CHAMPION PAY REQUEST #6

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #6 from Gundlach Champion in the amount of \$156,933.97 for the City Facilities Improvement Project.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO PUBLIC OFFICIAL TRAINING

Public official training for Councilmembers was discussed. Ms. Hoff offered to provide some training and information regarding the Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, closed session requirements, and to answer any Charter questions. Training would be scheduled within the next month.

SET DATE FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

It was felt a joint meeting with the DDA and Planning Commission should not be scheduled until the Planning Commission met to discuss their top sites for the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

A special meeting would be scheduled in March or April to discuss departmental goals and objectives.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Demarest questioned the balance of the revolving loan fund; Mr. Lampman reported the fund was being phased out and funds were used towards infrastructure costs during the freeze of 2014 and some structure demolition costs.

Councilman Juidici asked if the list of questions from the Events Policy Committee had been forwarded to MMRMA; Mr. Slown reported staff was waiting for the list from the Chamber of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kangas presented a quote for a new ACS HD Power Angle Blade in the amount of \$24,445. He indicated the funds were already allocated in the DPW budget. Other options were reviewed but were not of the same quality.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the ACS HD power angle blade in the amount of \$24,445 from Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc. and to waive competitive bidding per the City Manager's recommendation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Demarest attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting and the Library Board meeting; she also clarified 116 Canda Street was deeded to the Downtown Development Authority not the City of Ishpeming as stated in the article in the Mining Journal.

Councilman Tall reported on his meetings with the Central Dispatch Policy Board and the Housing Commission.

Councilman Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting.

Mayor Tonkin advised the Planning Commission was cancelled and the Neighborhood Improvement Committee met in January.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown reported he received the Upper Peninsula Construction Council brochure summarizing opportunities for education available in our area; the Ishpeming High School has requested advertising be placed on the fences at the ballfields as fundraisers and he was working with Ms. Hoff on this issue; the dog tags for the Ishpeming Hematite Football team were completed and he was arranging a time with the school to present them; Phelps Square had leased 22 out of 24 apartments; and Haan Development had donated \$5,000 toward sidewalk replacement in the Inspiration Zone.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff advised she had contacted Northern Michigan University regarding an intern to work on a few specific City projects; she had been working with staff on reviewing and revising City policies; and also offered her condolences to the Leo LaFond family.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary