

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

Leonard Jarrell, 548 Poplar Street, felt there would be a good outcome with the new trees being planted at Al Quaal, however, he asked that his request for termination of two employees be held in abeyance until the final outcome was determined. Councilwoman Demarest responded to his comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to remove item 8 and 18 from the agenda and approve the agenda as amended.

AGENDA COMMENT

Jim Lampman provided a brief overview of the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (April 13, 2016)
- (b) Approval of Disbursements
- (c) Monthly Financial Statements
- (d) Special Event Application – Local 4950 Union Picnic
- (e) Resolution #2016-7, Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail Amendment #1
- (f) Declare Library books and other miscellaneous items as surplus
- (g) Reappoint Stephen Piereson to a 5 year term on the Cemetery Board
- (h) Reappoint Karen Kasper to a 5 year term on the Library Board
- (i) Reappoint Norman Andrews to a 3 year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission
- (j) Appoint Karen Kasper to the vacancy on the Cemetery Board expiring 5/2020
- (k) Appoint Anthony Gibbs to the vacancy on the Housing Appeals Board expiring 12/2017

PRESENTATION FROM LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Caralee Swanberg, Vice President of Economic Development, reviewed the 2015 Annual Report which included distribution of clients, economic development, and keeping a business strong and helping them grow. She further reported the City of Ishpeming had 36 clients, 15 sites were on Zoom Prospector, and there were currently 3 EDC loans in the City.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT GRANT UPDATE

Michael Larson, Upper Peninsula Manager, Michigan Energy Options, briefly reviewed the progress of the work on the Community Energy Management Grant received by the City and advised the conference would be rescheduled in June.

PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2016 AS EMS WEEK

Councilman Tall thanked all Emergency Medical Service personnel for their hard work, value, and dedication in providing lifesaving services to our community. Mr. Slown read the proclamation to designate the week of May 15, 2016 as EMS week in the City of Ishpeming.

INSPIRATION ZONE SIDEWALK PROJECT – YORK STREET

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously approve the proposal received from Patrick Moyle, Ishpeming Concrete Corporation in the amount of \$2,247 for the sidewalk project on York Street.

LAKE BANCROFT PARK – PARTRIDGE CREEK FARM RAISED GARDEN BED PROJECT

Discussion took place regarding the meetings of the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee and the upcoming MSU Sustainable Built Environments charrette regarding the Lake Bancroft area and to not authorize any new development until a plan had been determined.

Mr. Slown encouraged anyone interested in the development of the Lake Bancroft area to attend the charrette on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

A motion was made by Councilman Tall, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to table this item until the next meeting.

LAKE BANCROFT PARK VETERANS MONUMENT PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to table this item until the next meeting.

UPDATE ON DOG ORDINANCES

Chief Willey reviewed Ordinance #10-100, An Ordinance Relative to the Owning and Keeping of Dogs and Cats within the City of Ishpeming and also reviewed Ordinance 10-400 An Ordinance to Regulate Potentially Dangerous Dogs and Dangerous Dogs. He advised if anyone had any problems with neighbors and their pets to contact the police department.

GEI CONSULTANTS ENGINEERING CONTRACT AGREEMENT – JASPER STREET SEWER REPAIR

Mr. Slown reported the Jasper Street sewer project encountered some problems which required GEI Consultants to complete additional engineering services. GEI was requesting an amendment to their existing contract in the amount of \$ 7,500 to cover the additional work needed on the project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to amend the existing contract with GEI Consultants for the Jasper Street sewer repair in the not to exceed amount of \$7,500.

Discussion took place regarding the issues of groundwater drain lines that were improperly tied into the sanitary sewer and possible corrective actions. Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained approximately 400' of storm sewer would need to be run to correct the problem.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve a change order up to \$19,575.50 in additional construction costs to correct the storm water drains, subject to approval by the City Manager and City Attorney.

APPROVE WRIGHT ELECTRIC PROPOSAL FOR NIWA RADIO RELOCATION

Zane Hykas, OHM Advisors, explained due to the roundabout project, the Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority's (NIWA) radio transmission tower would have to be relocated and NIWA requested the City pay for a portion of the relocation costs; NIAW would cover for \$2,340 and the City would cover \$2,200. Discussion took place on the existing poles in that area, options for splitting the cost to relocate the pole versus NIWA paying for the entire relocation, leaving the pole where it was currently located, the contingency fund for the project; and the overall appearance of the roundabout.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilwoman Demarest to approve a contribution of \$1,100 for the relocation of the NIWA antenna and continue the good faith and mutually beneficial relationship with NIWA. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Councilmembers Demarest, Koski, and Tall (4). Nays: Councilmember Juidici (1). Motion passed.

COUNTY TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

Mr. Slown advised the County provided a list of properties that had been foreclosed on and would be available for the City to acquire for the "minimum bid amount". He recommended the City authorize acquisition of two parcels: 348 W. Division Street for \$5,046.32 and 177 Excelsior Street for \$9,590.89. He further explained both buildings were unoccupied, blighted, and beyond repair with funding to come from the Public Improvement Fund for the purchase of the sites and the demolition would come from the demolition budget.

Discussion followed on all the work put forth by the County and the Land Bank to help with the demolition of blighted structures in the City; and, the City doing their share of demolition of blighted structures.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici and supported by Councilman Koski to acquire 348 W. Division and 177 Excelsior and demolish the structures on the sites with the future use of the site being determined at a later time. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Councilmembers Juidici, Koski, and Tall (4). Nays: Councilwoman Demarest (1). Motion passed.

USSA SUPER TOUR EVENT AT AL QUAAL

Mr. Kangas explained the United States Ski and Snowboard Association had asked the City to host a USSA Super Tour Event on February 18-19, 2017. When these types of events are hosted, lodging/meals for race officials, proper waxing facilities, and \$8,000 into prize money for the winners would need to be provided. A commitment from the Marquette County Convention and Visitors Bureau for the first \$3,000 in prize money, lodging/meals for the race officials, and tent rentals had been received. He further explained he would like to make this happen without the City spending any money, the City would just host the event. He requested permission from the Council to seek a host organization for this event.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to authorize staff to seek a host organization for the USSA Super Tour Event on February 18-19, 2017.

Councilman Koski pointed out this was a huge event and to have it in Ishpeming would be great for the City.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Demarest questioned when Gundlach Champion would be returning to the Library to finish the work on the outside entrance; Mr. Slown advised Gundlach Champion would be returning within the next few weeks.

Councilman Koski requested the special meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 be rescheduled to the following Thursday, May 12, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to reschedule the special meeting from May 5, 2016 to May 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Councilman Koski also requested an update on the status of the Senior Center; Mr. Slown advised discussions had taken place on the Senior Center moving over to the basement of Phelps Square, however, that was still being evaluated. It was hoped the June regular Council meeting would be held at City Hall if the elevator was finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Tall asked for clarification on the access to U.S. 41 when the roundabout was completed; and the possibility of getting Bessemer Street paved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Koski felt the memorial project was a very good project; the charrette being held was also a good next step for development of that area.

Councilman Juidici discussed the roundabout project and advised he had heard of no major problems and had no complaints, he reminded everyone to be patient during the construction project.

Councilwoman Demarest advised she attended the Library Board, DDA, and Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meetings and also attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting; the skateboarders were out and a location for a skate park/ice rink should be looked into, perhaps some local contractors would be willing to donate their services.

Councilman Tall provided an update on the Housing Commission construction project and the windmill; and he attended the Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting.

Mayor Tonkin attended the DDA, Neighborhood Improvement Committee, Inspiration Zone, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meetings; he was pursuing the skate park and was coordinating a meeting to discuss possibilities.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown thanked Karen Kasper for all her work in looking through the Seaborg documents at City Hall and her recommendations to save and preserve the records.

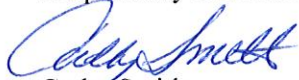
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff also commended Karen Kasper on all of her volunteer efforts to maintain the historic records in our community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary