

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, and Mike Tall (4). Absent: Councilman Justin Koski (1). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Mr. Slown advised Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Ed Anderson was pleased with all the improvements made to the Fire Hall and would continue to address the needs of the facility; a replacement plan for the fire truck would need to be created in the near future, especially with the length of time needed to secure financing, prepare truck configurations, and building of the apparatus could be an 18 month process; and he would continue to apply for FEMA AFG grants.

Dan Willey stated their number one goal was to maintain the current level of service to the public, and maintain the level of staffing, pay, and benefits; continue to enforce the ordinances through the Code Enforcement Officer/Rental Inspector; continue contributions to UPSET; and continue to budget for one police car per year.

Jon Kangas stated goals for 2017 would be to complete the first year of construction for the USDA RD water system improvement project; complete assessment of sanitary and storm sewer systems utilizing the SAW grant; create a Capital Improvement Plan for all departments; and continue working towards creation of an Equipment Fund because equipment was being kept long past its useful life.

Jim Lampman and Kaitlyn Feldbauer discussed goals of the Finance Department, including records retention; exploring bank drafts for utility customers; arranging a secure email, continuing regular computer and server upgrades, window replacements at City Hall, research new general ledger software, as well as, a fleet management software; and thanked Council for authorizing staff to hire a Deputy Treasurer. Council commended Mr. Lampman for all his work on the budget.

Councilwoman Claudia Demarest thanked all the department heads for working together to accomplish goals and thanked the City Attorney for all her efforts and hard work.

- Street lights switched to LED's
- Continue working to have the library open on Mondays to serve the public
- Advertise and hire a part-time City Clerk, not another assistant clerk

Councilman Mike Tall

- Hire a part-time City Clerk, with possibility of going to full-time in the future

Councilman Joe Juidici

- Hire a full time City Clerk
- Reduce unfunded liability
- Continue efforts to improve infrastructure
- Continue to look for grants/loans

Mayor Mike Tonkin

- Continue to develop policies/procedures
- Hire a part-time City Clerk
- Cross-training among staff
- Walkability in the City – replacing sidewalks
- Development of a skate park/ice rink
- Get people involved in City parks such as an “Adopt a Park” program
- Consider increasing taxes to cover some of the raising costs

Councilman Justin Koski was not able to attend the special meeting, but submitted the following:

- New Business Strategy
 - *Cleaner and better lit downtown
 - *Blight elimination continuing focus
 - *DDA strength increased
 - *Facade improvements of existing businesses
- Complete Streets Continued Focus
 - *Better way finding signage
 - *Focus on bike and pedestrian areas in downtown
 - *Better lit bike trailheads and parking areas
- Parks and Recreation in Downtown
 - *Assist Lake Bancroft at every possibility
 - *Promotion / marketing of fishing in Lake Angeline
 - *Promotion as a mountain biking destination (Engagement with RAMBA)

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Juidici to go into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute MCL 15.268(h) and to consider the purchase or lease of real property MCL 15.268(d) at 10:48 a.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, and Tall (4). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 a.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary