

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 in the Council Chambers at Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to excuse Councilman Mike Tall from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Leverton, 650 E. Empire Street, expressed his appreciation for the current administration at the City and all the progress made in the City specifically at the Carnegie Library. He further stated our community had so very much to be proud of and it was very important to keep Ishpeming moving forward and he felt the current administration was doing this.

Elaine Racine, Third Street, commended and thanked Mr. Slown on all his work and dedication to the City of Ishpeming and commented on all the progress and accomplishments that have been made in the City of Ishpeming.

Lowell Larson, 14 River Run Road, Negaunee, announced he was running for Marquette County Sheriff and briefly summarized his leadership experience, his work history with the Sheriff's Department, and his long term vision for the department.

Karl Lehmann, announced he was running for City Council and briefly highlighted his background, experience, and community involvement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT

Jim Lampman provided a brief overview of the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2016; reported the 2015 Audit was completed and went very well; the deficiencies were corrected with the exception of one new deficiency which was the deficit in the water fund but a deficit plan was developed and submitted to the State.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (June 8th and June 29th)
- (b) Minutes from Closed Session (2013: 8/7, 8/19, 8/23, 8/27, 10/9, 12/4;
2014: 2/20, 4/24, 6/4, 7/9, 8/6, 9/3, 9/5, 12/3; 2015: 2/4, 3/4, 5/6, 6/3, 7/21, 8/5,
8/18, 9/29, 10/7, 10/20, 11/4; 2016: 4/13 and 5/12)
- (c) Approval of Disbursements (Councilman Koski and Councilman Juidici)
- (d) Monthly Financial Statements
- (e) Special Event Applications
 - (i) Swim Teal Lake – July 30th
 - (ii) St. Vincent DePaul Friends of the Poor Walk – August 27th
 - (iii) Buzz the Gut – August 13th
 - (iv) Northiron Glow Run – August 5th
 - (v) Italian Fest – July 30th
 - (vi) Marji Gesick Bike Race – September 23rd/24th

- (vii) Marquette County Walk: Out of the Darkness – September 10th
- (viii) Ore to Shore – August 13th
- (f) Temporary Liquor License request from the Vietnam Veterans for their Annual Dinner/Dance at the National Guard Armory on October 22, 2016
- (g) Confirm appoint of Teresa Perry to a 4 year term on the DDA
- (h) Confirm reappoint of Anne Giroux to a 4 year term on the DDA
- (i) Window Outfitters Invoice for Library Windows

PUBLIC HEARING TO CLOSE PORTION OF WALNUT STREET FOR GATEWAY SIGN

Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Paul Gravedoni, 936 Baldwin Avenue, expressed concern over the closure of Walnut Street and felt it would adversely affect his property and further explained how it would be detrimental to his property on the corner. He asked the Council to reconsider the location of the gateway sign.

Stephen Piereson, 604 Mather Avenue, felt Walnut Street should not be closed until the roundabout construction was completed.

Mr. Kangas explained closure would not occur until the roundabout project was complete; and, explained MDOT would prefer less access points to US 41 for safety reasons from an access management perspective.

Ed Anderson, Fire Chief, noted there was adequate access to the neighborhood for emergency vehicles and closing Walnut would not have an adverse effect for response.

There was further discussion regarding the proposed closure, timeline for closure, alternate sites for the gateway sign, and adjoining property owners.

The public hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m. It was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the August agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE ALLEY ON WEST SIDE OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL BUILDING

Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to vacate the alley on the west side of the St. Vincent DePaul building.

RENAME WABASH HEIGHTS PARK TO BRUCE ASGAARD PARK

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to concur with the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to rename Wabash Heights Park to Bruce Asgaard Park.

GUNDLACH CHAMPION FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST FOR CITY FACILITIES PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the final payment request in the amount of \$20,395.69 to Gundlach Champion for the City Facilities Project.

RESOLUTION #2016-10 ADOPTING AN EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adopt the Excessive Force Policy as presented.

ADOPT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES POLICY FOR SECTION 3 COVERED CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to adopt the Economic Opportunities Policy for Section 3 Covered Contracts as presented.

FINANCE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Slown and Ms. Hoff recommended approval of the Finance Manager Employment agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the Finance Director Employment Agreement as presented.

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lampman reviewed the budget amendments for mid-year and explained, where possible, effort were made to have a zero sum increase in budget expenses. He further advised recommendations were based on information from the Department Heads and review of the City's financial statement activity through June 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2016 budget amendments as presented.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TOWARDS UPSET

Chad Radabaugh, Detective, advised the Police Department continually works closely with UPSET and they are a great tool for the community.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to continue support to UPSET in the amount of \$8,000 which was already budgeted for 2016.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TOWARDS COMMISSION ON AGING

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to continue support to Commission on Aging in the amount of \$9,000 which was already budgeted for 2016.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE CUPPAD PROSPEROUS PLACES GRANT

Mr. Slown explained the Prosperous Places Grant had been award by CUPPAD to the Ski Hall of Fame, and following discussions with CUPPAD, they would allow the City to switch locations but a new application would have to be submitted.

Discussion took place on the site donated to the City located by Creekside Condos at the end of Hematite Drive, across Third Street next to the Heritage Trail. It would be a great site to development for a kiosk, trail maps, bike rack, etc.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to move forward with rewriting the application for this new location and submit to CUPPAD.

UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE OF CITY MANAGER

Mayor Tonkin noted Mr. Slown's evaluation would be coming up in October and asked for Council input on the evaluation form to use. A Committee consisting of Councilman Juidici and Councilman Koski would review the evaluation form and determine which form was best.

REVIEW AND COMMENT OF CITY OF NEGAUNEE MASTER PLAN

It was noted the Parks and Recreation Commission was reviewing the draft plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Juidici requested staff research a food truck ordinance in the City and create a Committee to develop the Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne Giroux, Marquette County Treasurer, announced she would like to submit another grant application for a no match Blight Elimination grant on behalf of the City but in partnership with the County Land Bank Authority. Mrs. Giroux would write the grant. The minimum grant was \$250,000 and the maximum was \$1,000,000; it was a very competitive grant. There were no match dollars required and it was only for residential structures. The grant deadline was July 13th so the grant application had to be completed very quickly. She was confident that working with the staff at City Hall she would be able to meet the deadline.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to authorize submission of the grant to MSHDA in partnership with the Marquette County Land Bank Authority.

Ryan Brayak, architect, resident in the City of Marquette, expressed an interest in property located in the Brownstone area near the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. He would like to acquire the property with the structure, and renovate the structure. Being an architect, he felt he had the skills to develop that property. There was discussion on the deed restrictions on the property and the obstacles to overcome before anything could move forward with the proposed request.

Jim Bertucci, on behalf of Italian Fest, provided a letter requesting the Council's permission to install a power panel at the new pavilion site at Al Quaal. A quote was received from J&N Electric in the amount of \$4,800, but since the project would benefit all who used the facility, the St. Rocco/St. Anthony Society was asking the City to share in the cost of the work.

Mr. Kangas felt electrical at the site would be beneficial for all users of the pavilion in the future.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to waive competitive bidding and support the installation of the power at the new pavilion site in the not to exceed amount of \$4,800.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Demarest reported she attended the Library Board meeting and the DDA meeting. She reiterated her position from the June meeting regarding her opinion of the performance of the City Manager. She commented on some of Mr. Slown's past work history.

Councilman Juidici fully supported the City Manager and asked that this issue be dropped.

Councilman Koski concurred with Councilman Juidici. He supported Mr. Slown and felt this discussion was very counter-productive and was disappointed that this issue was still being discussed and wanted it to end; the City was moving forward and a lot of progress was being made.

Mayor Tonkin also concurred; he noticed this was starting to effect the staff, there is a terrific staff at the City and the City is moving forward; he felt there was enough discussion on this issue.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown had submitted his written report to Council; and was very grateful for all the support received and promised to continue to do his very best in moving the City forward.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff stated Mr. Slown should be evaluated on his abilities in the current position as was discussed earlier on the agenda, regarding beginning the evaluation process; she commented on her Ishpeming High School 40th Class reunion; thanked Karen Kasper for her work with the historical society; and would like to talk to Sheriff candidates regarding medication for inmates at the Marquette County Jail.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary