

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, August 16, 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, Justin Koski, and Mike Tall (5). Absent: Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

AWARD OF BID – LIBRARY MAIN ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Slown reported one bid was received for the project from A&F Construction in the amount of \$27,000. The work was very specialized and complex; and he indicated the money was available in the Library Donation Special Fund.

Mayor Tonkin expressed concern over receiving just one bid and felt the bid received was too high. He thought the project should be postponed until next spring and rebid in an attempt to obtain more than one bid. He also pointed out other options for repairs could be looked into.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Juidici to approve the bid received from A&F Construction in the amount of \$27,000 to be paid from the Library Donation Special Fund and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager. Ayes: Council Members Demarest, Juidici, and Koski (3). Nays: Mayor Tonkin and Council Member Tall (2). Motion passed.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE AND REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE –PARADISE BAR

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the temporary liquor license and temporary road closure for the Paradise Bar on August 20, 2016.

MALTON ROAD NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL – PAYMENT REQUEST #1 & CHANGE ORDER #1

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 and Payment Request #1 for the Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail project.

REVISED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN – WATER FUND

Mr. Lampman reviewed the revisions to the Deficit Elimination Plan for the water fund as requested by the Michigan Department of Treasury. There was discussion regarding the importance of eliminating the deficit in the water fund and qualifying for USDA funding for infrastructure improvements.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici, and carried unanimously to approve the Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan as presented, including the rate increases of not-to-exceed 35% in 2017, 15% in 2018, and 5% in 2019.

NORTH COUNTRY DISPOSAL CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Mayor Tonkin questioned the Refuse Collection Agreement with North Country Disposal, specifically where it states the hours of pickup operations shall be limited from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. He made phone calls to North Country Disposal and also talked to Mr. Slown expressing his concern regarding the early pickup occurring on Wednesdays, sometimes as early as 6:00 a.m., and

also his concern regarding the noise during pickup at a business on Third Street, with the dumpsters being banged on the ground, before 7:00 a.m. He also noted, residential garbage had, at times, been picked up on Third Street prior to 7:00 a.m. He asked that this practice be stopped and required North Country Disposal follow the contract.

It was pointed out the contract with North Country Disposal was for residential garbage only, not commercial; and, other disposal companies, as well as North Country Disposal, had contracts with individual businesses in town.

Dawn Lamere and Gordy Lamere, from North Country Disposal, explained how their garbage routes were developed; and after hearing the concerns raised, had been rearranging schedules to make every attempt to solve this issue. She stated North Country Disposal would not pick up garbage before 7:00 a.m. in Ishpeming.

#### MARJI GESICK 100 – EVENT APPLICATION REVISIONS

Todd Poquette, Marji Gesick race organizer, reviewed the proposed revisions to the Celebration Zone for the event. He explained he met with the IBA to develop a plan so local businesses could capitalize on the large number of people that would be in town for the race. The race would finish at Old Ish with Main Street being closed from Division Street to Hematite; and the Celebration Zone would be in the Mather Inn parking lot with Canda being closed from Main Street to First Street and Maple Street being closed from Barnum to Canda.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Marji Gesick 100 Event Application revisions as proposed.

#### CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and supported by Councilman Koski to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.243(13) g at 10:10 a.m. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, Koski, and Tall (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Returned to open session 10:27 a.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 10:27 a.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith,  
Recording Secretary