

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2016 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, Justin Koski (arrived at 10:10 .m.), and Mike Tall (5). Absent: Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WORKSHOP-GEI CONSULTANTS

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, presented a drawing of the proposed areas for the water project. He explained the areas in green were within the budget and areas in yellow were alternates. There was discussion regarding the importance of the water project, the water loss that had occurred over the years, and man hours used to make repairs.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Rural Development Water System improvement plan as presented by GEI Consultants.

Mr. Stoor also reviewed the model of different options for water rate increases. Discussion followed regarding the Deficit Elimination Plan which needed to be approve by Treasury to get bonded for the Rural Development loan; and the increase of only the water rates by 35% as outlined in the Plan.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the 35% rate increase, for water rate only, keeping the minimum at less than 2500 gallons per month, effective January 1, 2017.

2017 ENERGY GRANT

Michael Larson, Michigan Energy Options, advised Ishpeming was eligible to renew participation in the Community Energy Management grant program for 2017. He advised there was only an in-kind match which would include basically staff time.

Mr. Slown advised the grant consisted of two parts. The first part would be MEO and PSC helping to formalize a non-reverting energy fund and working with the City's master plan team on the energy portion of the Master Plan and to secure public input on the plan. There was no cost to the City for this portion of the grant—other than staff time to coordinate the effort. The second part would be for LED Street Lighting. If the City could participate in an LED Street Lighting project, a two to one dollar local match would be required for this work.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the two part application, prepared by Michigan Energy Options, for the City of Ishpeming to participate in the Community Energy Management (CEM) grant program in 2017.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION – MARQUETTE MARATHON

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the special event application for the Marquette Marathon on September 3, 2016 as presented.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TRAVEL TO MML CONVENTION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the City Manager's travel to the MML Convention on September 14 through September 16, 2016, as requested.

ROUNABOUT IRRIGATION PROJECT

Jon Kangas explained three bids were received for the Roundabout Irrigation Project. He recommended award to Nimbus which included battery operated programmable valves and a hand-held programming unit which would work much better for the roundabout. He noted this was the same system used in the Marquette roundabout. He further noted, this price did not include the Ski Hall of Fame right-of-way irrigation, but Tim Preston, from Nimbus, was aware of the additional work and would provide a quote.

Discussion followed regarding utilizing DDA funds for the US 41 roundabout irrigation project and utilizing City funds for the 2nd /3rd Street connector irrigation and the Ski Hall right-of-way irrigation project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to award the bid for the Roundabout Irrigation Project to Nimbus in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,970 ensuring the dollars were available in the budget and funds would be allocated from the DDA for the highway portion of the roundabout irrigation.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici and supported by Councilwoman Demarest to authorize Jon Kangas to negotiate with Nimbus for the irrigation in the Ski Hall of Fame right-of-way in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,000, with the funds to come out of the original project budget. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest, Juidici, and Tall (4). Nays: None (0). Abstain: Council Member Koski (1).

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:55 a.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith,
Recording Secretary