

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. 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

Derek Swajanen announced he was running for District Judge and he briefly highlighted his educational background, his work experience, and his dedication to and passion for the community.

Carr Baldwin, member of the Lake Bancroft Committee, briefly reviewed the process being used to clear up the Lake and noted work was progressing but was moving slower than expected.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the removal of item #11 Agreement with Lindberg and Sons.

AGENDA COMMENT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending September 30th. He had been working on the 2017 budget and thanked Department Heads for meeting with him over the last few days.

Carr Baldwin, representative from the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, advised the recent decisions that were questioned by some municipalities were made on the recommendation from the Solid Waste Authority's attorney.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 7th and 13th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Confirm Ishpeming High School Homecoming Parade Permit, September 23, 2016
- e. Special Event Application: Race for the Red/White/Blue – June 17, 2017
- f. Declare library books surplus property
- g. Confirm UPCROSS/KMK and RAMBA Cyclocross Event – October 1, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TIF DISTRICT BOUNDARY AMENDMENT

Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. for the TIF District Boundary Amendment. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #12-100, WATER ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of the amendment to Ordinance #12-100, Water Ordinance as presented.

2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

- a. Schedule Special Council meeting for Budget Presentation/Workshop
- b. Schedule Public Hearing for November 9th Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to schedule a Special Council Meeting for the budget presentation/workshop on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and to have the public hearing for the 2017 budget at the regular council meeting on November 9, 2016.

VACATION OF LINCOLN STREET BETWEEN ELM AND LINDEN STREETS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation and not vacate Lincoln Street between Elm and Linden Streets in the Plat of North Ishpeming.

PERMISSION TO SUBMIT GRANT REQUEST FOR FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED CITIES

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to submit to the State of Michigan Treasury Department, the grant application for the 2017 Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships program.

ACCEPT CITY MANAGER EVALUATION FORM AND EVALUATION PROCESS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to accept the timeline for submittal of the completed evaluations to the Mayor by October 17th.

ELECTION WORKER WAGE INCREASE

There was discussion related to the difficulty in finding election workers and increasing the wages more than what was being proposed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to increase the wage for Election Workers from \$8.50 to \$10.00 per hour and the increase the Precinct Chairperson from \$9.00 to \$10.50 per hour.

REQUEST TO JOIN AS CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITY TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN MAKING REQUEST TO MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD TO ADDRESS VARIOUS ISSUES

Ms. Hoff explained the request from Sands Township to join with their attorney regarding the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Board and the apparent conflict with the MCSWMA attorney being a member of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and the MCSWMA Board removing the County from the Intergovernmental Agreement as a constituent municipality. She requested Council give authority to join in with the other attorney's to proceed with the letter to the MCSWMA.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to join in with the other attorney's and send a letter to the MCSWMA.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TRAVEL TO HOUGHTON FOR MANAGER'S MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the City Manager's travel to Houghton for the City Manager's Meeting on October 6 and 7, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Tall thanked A. Lindberg and Sons for a great job on the roundabout project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Tall to have at least one Councilmember sit in on interviews for key administrative staff positions such as the DPW Superintendent, Chief of Police, and City Manager and suggested Councilman Juidici be one of the members since he would be the upcoming Mayor. Ayes: Councilwoman Demarest and Councilman Juidici (2). Nays: Mayor Tonkin, Councilmembers Koski and Tall (3). Motion failed.

Discussion followed on the Charter requirements for hiring staff, what had been done in the past, and concerns with setting this as a policy. Councilmembers would only be observing the interviews not making decisions.

City Attorney Hoff hesitated to recommend adoption of a formal policy to have a Councilmember sit in on the interviews of key positions.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Juidici did not attend the Cemetery Board meeting; attended a meeting with the individuals on North Second Street regarding the roundabout project; and felt the roundabout looked great and was a vast improvement to the community and commended Lindberg and Sons on a great job.

Councilman Koski thought the roundabout looked great and was a great addition to our community and valued all the community input; thanked Anne Giroux, County Treasurer for getting another grant for Blight Elimination; like to see all the successful events taking place in our City; reminded everyone to reuse Third Street and noted how wonderful the new light posts looked; and suggested everyone take a look at the drown footage of the roundabout on Facebook.

Councilman Tall attended the Central Dispatch Policy Board meeting and the Housing Commission meeting.

Councilwoman Demarest attended the Library Board and DDA meetings.

Mayor Tonkin attended the Ski Hall of Fame breakfast, the Planning Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, and Inspiration Zone meeting; the Inspiration Zone finished up the sidewalks for the year; and reminded everyone to get out and vote on November 8th.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown reported 348 Division Street was demolished; reminded everyone to look at the new Fire Hall kitchen which was complete, looked great, and was done by all volunteers; the Malton Road Trail Project was complete; thanked Carr Baldwin for all the engineering work he had donated to the City for Lake Bancroft; and also reminded everyone of the Project Empire meeting to be held on October 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Westwood High School.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff continued to work on standardizing documents and policies; had offered her services to the Ishpeming High School along with Mr. Slown to educate teens and talk about city government to a government or civics class; and supported Derek Swajanen as he had worked in District Court and knows how it operates.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary