

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, November 9, 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

Council Member Elect Karl Lehmann thanked the voters, congratulated Mayor Tonkin on his re-election, and thanked Council Members Tall and Demarest for their service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Demarest moved that Item (h) City Manager's Performance Evaluation Summary be tabled until the next meeting. Seconded by Councilman Tall. Ayes: Mayor Tonkin, Council Members Demarest and Tall (3). Nays: Council Members Juidici and Koski (2). Motion passed.

There was discussion related to having a special meeting to formally adopt the 2017 budget versus taking no action and the budget being deemed finally adopted after November 30th.

Councilwoman Demarest also pointed out Item (j) was incorrect it should have been the Commission on Aging instead of the Housing Commission.

AGENDA COMMENT

Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending October 31, 2016. He also advised the tax levy for 2017 was 19.4087 which was less than 2016 which was 19.6455.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items excluding item (h) which was tabled and with the correction to item (j) changing the name from Housing Commission to Commission on Aging.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 5th and 11th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Mayor Tonkin and Councilwoman Demarest)
- c. Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Confirm Special Event: Ishpeming Cross Country Zombie Run – October 30th
- e. Special Event: Ishpeturkey Trot – November 24th
- f. Special Event : Historical Society Cemetery Tour – July 9, 2017
- g. Special Event : Christmas Parade/Horse Rides
- h. City Manager's Performance Evaluation Summary
- i. Reappoint Evelyn Valente-Heikkila and Richard Burke to 3 year terms on Zoning Board of Appeals
- j. Reappoint Kathy Mathias and Victor DePaoli to 3 year terms on the Housing Commission
- k. Reappoint Harry Weikel, Larry Bussone, and Jim Bertucci to 3 year terms on Planning Commission
- l. Declare library books surplus property

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2017 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES

Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing for the 2017 budget and millage rates at 8:15 p.m. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #12-100, WATER ORDINANCE

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

CONFIRM PAYMENT TO OHM FOR ROCK PILE SURVEY

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to confirm payment of the invoice from OHM Advisors in the amount of \$1,800 for the Rock Pit Survey.

ADOPT 2017 FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the 2017 Fee Schedule as presented.

RESOLUTION #14-2016 OBJECTING TO TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES FROM COUNTY TREASURER

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #14-2016, Objecting to the transfer of properties from the County Treasurer.

RESOLUTION #15-2016 PROCEED TOWARD RECEIVING RRC CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #15-2016, Proceed toward receiving Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

RESOLUTION #16-2016 AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT –WATER PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #16-2016, Authorizing publication of Notice of Intent to issue revenue bonds for the Water System Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION #17-2016 AUTHORIZE PLACING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON THE TAX ROLL

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #17-2016, Authorize placing delinquent accounts on the tax roll.

OPT OUT OF 80/20 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PER PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to exempt the City of Ishpeming from the hard cap and 80/20 health insurance premium cost sharing requirement of Public Act 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2017.

DISCUSSION ON CITY HALL FAÇADE INSPECTION

Steve Wright, OHM Advisors, reviewed the report and findings of the inspections for the City Hall masonry and façade. The building façade was not too bad considering its age, however, there were a couple of areas that would need attention soon particularly where there were loose bricks or stones. Discussion took place on prioritizing the areas that need work done and try to get the worst areas done first.

It was the consensus of Council to barricade the area on the west side of the building where the brick was loose, for safety, and go out for bids in the spring.

LAKE BANCROFT: PAVILION AND VETERANS MONUMENT

Mr. Slown advised three Statements of Qualifications had been received for the Lake Bancroft Pavilion. He suggested a small committee be established to review and rank the Statements of Qualifications with a recommendation to the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to create a committee consisting of Jon Kangas, DPW Superintendent, Councilman Koski, Mayor Tonkin, and Norm Andrews from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Slown explained the VFW would raise the funds to build the proposed Veteran's Monument at Lake Bancroft Park and they would also maintain the monument.

A motion was made by Councilman Juidici, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the VFW proposal for a Veterans Memorial at Lake Bancroft Park.

CONFIRM THE FORM L-4029 MILLAGE RATE FOR THE WINTER 2016 TAX LEVY

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to confirm Form L-4029, 2016 Tax Rate Request as presented.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Tall thanked the people of Ishpeming and enjoyed being on Council and working with staff. Congratulated Mike Tonkin on his re-election and Councilmembers Elect Karl Lehmann and Stu Skauge.

Councilwoman Demarest commented on the City Manager's current and past work performance and her request for his resignation at a previous meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Juidici thanked Councilman Tall and Councilwoman Demarest for their service and dedication serving on Council and to the City of Ishpeming.

Councilman Koski, on behalf of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard of Hall of Fame, thanked the City for being such a great partner with their organization; thanked Lindberg and Sons, subcontractors, and engineers for their effort and work on the roundabout; thought the new gateway sign was looking great; was excited for the Super Tour event to be held in Ishpeming in February; thanked all the voters for coming out to vote and all the election workers for their work during the election; congratulated Stu Skauge and Karl Lehmann on their election to Council; and thanked Councilwoman Demarest and Councilman Tall for all their years of service on Council.

Councilwoman Demarest congratulated the newly elected Council Members Stu Skauge and Karl Lehmann; advised the DDA meeting for October was cancelled; attended the Library Board meeting; and noted the Compensation Commission, that sets the Council and Board of Review pay, currently had no members.

Councilman Tall attended the Central Dispatch meeting and congratulated the newly elected Council Members.

Mayor Tonkin thanked the voters for his re-election; congratulated new Council Members Stu Skauge and Karl Lehmann; thanked Council Members Demarest and Tall for their years of service on Council; was very glad to see all the progress made moving the City forward in the last four years; and looked forward to serving another four years on Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown reported he had received Chief of Police, Dan Willey's resignation, effective December 12th, and would begin the hiring process; Chad Radabaugh would be appointed Interim Police Chief; and thanked Council Members Demarest and Tall for their years of service on Council.


ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff thanked Council Members Demarest and Tall for their years of service on Council; welcomed new Council Members Stu Skauge and Karl Lehmann; advised staff was working on a policy for Council Rules and Procedures; and noted how beautiful the Mather Inn looked.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary