

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Joseph Juidici called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Council Members Justin Koski, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT

Jim Lampman, Finance Director, summarized the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2016, including the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. He advised these were not final numbers for 2016, adjustments were still in progress.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (December 7th, Closed Session: December 7th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Council Members Tonkin and Skauge)
- c. Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Special Event Application: 906 Polar Roll Fat Bike Race: 2/18/17
- e. Special Event Application: 2017 Noquemanon Ski Marathon: 1/28/17
- f. Confirm appointment by Mayor of Carolyn Boyle to vacancy on Library Board
- g. Declare library books surplus property
- h. Special Event Application: RAMBA UPCROSS: 1/15/17

PRESENTATION FROM CAROL FULSHER-IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL

Carol Fulsher, Administrator, Iron Ore Heritage Trail thanked the City of Ishpeming for renewing the millage. She briefly summarized the 2016 Iron Ore Heritage Trail Report which included information on trail upgrades and maintenance; public relations and marketing; events and fundraisers; and operations.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #11-906 APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE TIF BOUNDARY

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance #11-906, approving the Amendment to the TIF District Boundary as of the second reading.

RESOLUTION #18-2016, ACCEPT APPLICATION FOR NEZ CERTIFICATE: 100 WILDWOOD DRIVE

Discussion took place on the tax savings that would be realized by the property owner and the number of years requested for the exemption.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #18-2016 Acknowledging receipt of application for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate in the Ishpeming Hills Neighborhood Enterprise Zone #2 for 100 Wildwood Drive for a 15 year exemption.

It was suggested a committee be formed to review the three Neighborhood Enterprise Zones and set criteria for determining the number of years to grant an exemption.

GEI CONSULTANTS FEE PROPOSAL – LAKE BANCROFT PARK

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained the two options in their proposal: first, move forward and construct the pavilion this year, 2017, with the funds received from Cliffs/Eagle Community Fund; or second, use the money received from Cliffs-Eagle Community Fund as leverage funds in applying for a DNR Trust Fund Grant due April 1st, which would put construction in 2018. Discussion took place on both options. Staff would contact Cliff/Eagle Community Fund to obtain confirmation in writing that they would allow holding off construction until 2018 so grant funding could be applied for.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to proceed with Option 2 and apply for DNR grant funding as proposed by GEI Consultants contingent upon approval from Cliff/Eagle Community Fund in writing that construction could take place in 2018, otherwise, revert back to Option 1 of GEI's proposal dated January 4, 2017.

CONFIRM FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UPSET

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to confirm financial support to UPSET for \$8,000 as budgeted for 2017.

CONFIRM FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMISSION ON AGING

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to confirm financial support to Commission on Aging for \$9,000 as budgeted for 2017.

DESIGNATE PUBLISHING ORGAN FOR 2017

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to designate the Mining Journal as the publishing organ for 2017.

DESIGNATE BANK DEPOSITORIES FOR 2017

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to designate mBank, Wells Fargo, TruNorth Federal Credit Union, Charles Schwab, Comerica Bank, and Edward D. Jones as the bank depositories for 2017.

APPROVE MANAGER'S TRAVEL TO KALAMAZOO FOR MME WINTER INSTITUTE

Mr. Slown withdrew his request to attend the Michigan Municipal Executives training conference.

UPDATE ON REVISIONS TO THE POLICY FOR UTILITY BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCESS

Mr. Slown explained staff was working on the changes and a revised policy would be brought to Council at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to table this item until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Slown requested a Special Council meeting be set up to discuss the proposed equipment millage. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the meeting for Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Koski questioned parking of commercial vehicles on City Streets and homeowner responsibilities for keeping sidewalks cleared. Staff would research these issue.

Mayor Juidici asked for two Council Members to meet with Attorney Hoff and Manager Slown to discuss his Employment Contract renewal. Council Members Skauge and Koski volunteered.

Mr. Slown advised Diane Gauthier resigned from the Downtown Development Authority and would like to be appointed to a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to appoint Diane Gauthier to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin attended the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission meetings; and reported the column repair at the Library would be completed in the spring.

Councilman Lehmann arranged a meeting with the Ishpeming High School Superintendent and their Finance Director to discuss his appointment as the School Liaison; and he noted there was no Library Board meeting in December.

Councilman Koski thanked the DPW for all their work clearing the streets of snow; thanked the Iron Ore Heritage Trail for all their work on the trails; and reminded everyone of the 130th Annual Ski Jumping Tournament to be held on Tuesday, January 31st which was the longest running annual outdoor sporting event in the world.

Councilman Skauge thanked the DPW for the long hours spent in repairing water lines, especially during the holidays; and was very appreciative of their quick response and hard work, in the extreme cold, to make the necessary repairs.

Mayor Juidici thanked the DPW for all their hard work; their jobs were very demanding and their work was much appreciated.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Slown provided a written report to Council; and, he introduced Ishpeming High School Intern Desire Neveau.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hoff reported she was still working with Al Pierce to obtain the easements necessary for the water project; and, commented on the well written articles in the Mining Journal regarding the retirement systems.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary