

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 8, 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

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, commented on the hiring process for the Chief of Police and expressed some of her concerns related to the process.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT

Jim Lampman, Finance Director, summarized the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2017, including the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. He advised the adjustments for 2016 were still in progress and 2016 budget amendments would be presented at the March meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 11th and February 6th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Mayor Juidici and Councilman Koski)
- c. Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Confirm Ishpeming Ski Club Junior National Qualifier: February 4 and 5
- e. Reappoint Larry Bussone to a 3 year term on the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
- f. Declare Library books surplus property

Councilman Skauge thanked Larry Bussone for his work on the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority.

PRESENTATION ON FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT MILLAGE

City Manager Slown presented the millage proposal for the Fire and Public Works Equipment. There was discussion regarding the timeline for the millage proposal, the mileage and hours of use on the current equipment; having a separate millage proposal for each versus combining into one millage; and providing general education as why the millage was being sought. This item would continue to be discussed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #11-2300: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR JASPERLITE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance #11-2300: Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Jasperlite Senior Housing Development.

RESOLUTION #1-2017: MDOT PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #1-2017: MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as presented.

AWARD BID FOR THE RESTORATION OF STAIRWAY PROJECT AT FIRE HALL

All the remodeling done by the fire fighters through donations was noted.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to award the Stairway Restoration project to I-Build Construction in the not to exceed amount of \$16,567.10.

REVISED MARQUETTE COUNTY DUAL STREAM RECYCLING AGREEMENT

Attorney Hoff expressed concern with the language in the agreement regarding the number of user municipalities which was due to the issue with Marquette County being removed as constituent municipality. Councilman Skauge suggested the Solid Waste Authority be asked to attach a list of user municipalities to the agreement. There was further discussion regarding user municipalities along with the annual rebate amount.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to table this item to gather further information.

PURCHASE OF A 2017 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR FROM SIGNATURE FORD

Manager Slown advised \$45,000 was in the budget for this purpose. Acting Chief Radabaugh obtained a price for the new vehicle from Owosso Ford in the amount of \$27,520.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of an SUV versus a front wheel drive car and the advantages and disadvantages of both; the sale price of each type of vehicle, and the mileage and condition of the current vehicles. Councilman Skauge felt the cost saving of purchasing a car versus an SUV could be beneficial and should be considered.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to table this item until the March 8th Council meeting.

APPOINT COMMITTEE TO SET CRITERIA FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONE EXEMPTIONS

It was the consensus of Council for Councilman Skauge and Councilman Tonkin be appointed to the Committee to set criteria for the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemptions.

APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCESS POLICY

Manager Slown reviewed the proposed changes for the Utility Billing and Payment Process. Discussion took place on the following statement in the policy: "outstanding balance older than 45 days may be placed on the winter tax roll as a lien on the property." There was further discussion of the Public Notice of Disconnect fee of \$50, the billing cycle, and the amount of time between when the bill is received and due. It was noted the Treasurer sends a letter to every customer before any utility balance is placed on the winter tax roll. It was suggested the \$50 Public Notice of Disconnect fee be added to the fee for shut off.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Koski to not collect the Public Notice of Disconnect fee of \$50 and only collect the fee for the shut off and amend the fee schedule to reflect the change. Ayes: Councilman Koski, Lehmann, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Mayor Juidici (1). Motion passed 4-1.

The water shut off fees in the 2017 Fee Schedule would be reviewed at the next meeting.

SET DATE FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH DDA AND PLANNING COMMISSION

There was consensus to tentatively schedule a joint meeting if necessary on Wednesday, April 19th with the time to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Skauge wanted the Clerk/Clerk of the Council position to be revisited at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon Kangas advised the Polar Roll event scheduled to take place on February 18th wanted to change their route and finish at the High School versus at the Cognition Brewing Company. He reviewed the proposed route explaining the change would not be an issue for DPW.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the new route for the Polar Roll Event as presented.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meeting and reported it was very productive and the next meeting was scheduled for March 1st; he also noted the Ishpeming Rotary Club would be having their Annual Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn in Marquette.

Councilman Koski attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting; thanked the DPW for the great job cleaning the streets during the last snow event; reported the Ski Jumping Tournament went very well; and was excited for the upcoming Super Tour to be held the weekend of February 18th.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Library Board meeting and was very grateful for Ray Leverton's efforts and work at the Library; he also attended a meeting with Representative Kivela and revenue sharing was discussed.

Councilman Tonkin attended the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee meeting and reported a Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant would be applied for and the pavilion would be constructed next year; he also attended the Planning Commission meeting and provided an update on the zoning ordinance and zoning map progress.

Mayor Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting; and questioned when the ore cars around town would be refurbished, Councilman Skauge advised the Rotary Club was working on a timeline with the company that would be doing the powder coating.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown reported the police chief hire was contingent upon Steve Snowaert's recertification with MCOLES.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported all the easements, with the exception of one, had been received for the Rural Development Water project; and she thanked everyone involved for all their work and also thanked the citizens of the City that were involved in obtaining some of the easements.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary