

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, March 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, expressed her concerns regarding the proposed Fire and DPW Equipment Millage.

William Malmsten, 22300 County Road CL, owner of 24 rental units in the City of Ishpeming, expressed his concerns regarding the proposed Jasperlite Senior Housing Development project and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance.

Gary White, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Upper Peninsula of Michigan, was requesting the City purchase 18 plastic Civil War grave/flag holders at a cost of \$7.00 each and they would supply the flags.

Shannon Kemp, 405 South Fourth Street, expressed her disagreement with the taxable value of her property as stated on her tax bill; and, expressed her concerns regarding the current and future traffic and parking problems around the High School.

Robyn Baird, Mather Inn, discussed her concerns related to the proposed Jasperlite Senior Housing Project and the proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented incorporating the addition of Civil War Grave Markers being added under New Business.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (February 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Councilman Lehmann and Councilman Tonkin)
- c. Special Event Application: Iron Range Roll: June 3, 2017
- d. Library books declared surplus
- e. Confirm appointment by Mayor of Sheri Johnson to vacancy on Library Board

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Lampman, Finance Director, reviewed the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds.

PUBLIC HEARING: MNRTF GRANT-LAKE BANCROFT/IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAILHEAD PAVILION

Mayor Juidici opened the public hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the Lake Bancroft/Iron Ore Heritage Trail Pavilion project at 7:25 p.m.

Carr Baldwin, 1900 Cindy Street, supported the proposed project, but expressed some of his concerns with the water quality of the Lake.

The public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: SEMCO GAS COMPANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Juidici opened the public hearing for the renewal of the franchise agreement with SEMCO Gas Company at 7:27 p.m.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #1-501: GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SEMCO GAS COMPANY

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1-501, Granting a Franchise to SEMCO Gas Company as presented.

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

Amy Lerlie, Executive Director of Alger-Marquette Community Action, summarized the proposed senior housing project and answered some of the questions brought forth during public comment. There was discussion regarding the proposed payment in lieu of taxes ordinance, maintenance of the facilities and the number of people to be employed, the proposed site plan, their plans to help with the High School parking situation; and the need for senior housing on the West End of Marquette County.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann to approve the second reading of the Ordinance #11-2300 Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Jasperlite Senior Housing Development as presented. Motion died for a lack of support.

Councilman Skauge would supported the project if it complied with the prevailing wage.

RESOLUTION #3-2017: SUPPORT SUBMISSION OF MNRTF GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAKE BANCROFT PARK/IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL PAVILION

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, summarized the proposed project and briefly outlined details of the grant application.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #3-2017: Support Submission of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the Lake Bancroft/Iron Ore Heritage Trail Pavilion as presented.

RESOLUTION #4-2017: APPLY TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR GRANT - NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT

There was discussion regarding the proposal for new voting equipment, the number of tabulators needed, and the costs as outlined in the grant.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #4-2017: Apply to Secretary of State for Grant for Purchase of New Voting Equipment as presented.

RESOLUTION #5-2017: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR JASPERLITE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Skauge to table this item.  
Motion was withdrawn.

CITY OF ISHPEMING/IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign.

AWARD BID FOR 177 EXCELSIOR STREET DEMOLITION

Jon Kangas explained this project was initially going to be demolished by DPW, but with the delays that had occurred and with the upcoming Rural Development Water Project, DPW would not be able to accomplish the demolition.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to award the demolition bid to the low bidder, Smith Construction, in the not to exceed amount of \$9,500.

FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2016

Mr. Lampman reviewed the requirements of Public Act 621.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the 2016 Budget Amendments as presented.

FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT MILLAGE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to schedule a special meeting to discuss the Fire and Public Works Equipment Millage and to hold the meeting in the evening to allow the public to attend.

REVISIONS TO THE 2017 FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the changes to the 2017 fee schedule as presented.

PROJECT EMPIRE

Manager Slown provided an update on the study to be prepared by Michael J. Broadway, Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences, at Northern Michigan University to give ideas for moving forward into the future. There would be no charge to the City as it is a State funded study.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the study.

AUTHORIZE STAFF TRAVEL TO ATTEND GOVERNOR'S FITNESS AWARD PRESENTATION

Manager Slown announced the City of Ishpeming will be receiving the Governor's Fitness Award and he was requesting travel for Jon Kangas, Justin Koski, and Danielle LaCavalla, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, to attend.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to authorize travel and hotel expenses for Jon Kangas, DPW Director, Councilman Justin Koski, and Danielle LaCavalla, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, to attend the award Ceremony in Lansing.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TRAVEL

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann, and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager's travel to the Capital Conference in Lansing on March 21-22, 2017 and to the U.P. Managers Spring Meeting on May 11 and 12, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the purchase of grave markers at the Cemetery and whether it was an allowable city expenditure.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 18 bronze grave markers specifically for Civil War Veterans pending review and approval of the City Attorney and Finance Director.

The Floor Mat, Uniform, and Towel Services bids would be brought to the next meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge would be attending the Housing Authority meeting scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>; he took his Oath of Office for the Central Dispatch Policy Board; thanked everyone for their public comment; and agreed with Mr. Baldwin's comment regarding the water quality at Lake Bancroft. He also encouraged citizens to contact him with any issues; however, he further advised if anyone sends a letter to him, they must sign it or it would be disregarded.

Councilman Koski reported the USSA Super Tour was a huge success, very well organized, and thanked DPW and Jay Wilder for all their work grooming as the conditions were fantastic; he apologized to the fire fighters for postponing the discussion of the millage to a special meeting; thanked everyone for their public comment on the Jasperlite Senior Housing Development; and also thanked Amy Lerlie for her work on the project.

Councilman Lehmann reported he was out of town and did not attend the Library Board meeting or the School Board meeting, but would be attending the upcoming meetings.

Councilman Tonkin attended the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the Lake Bancroft Park Pavilion project; explained it was a very hard decision regarding Jasperlite Senior Housing but he felt there was not enough time spent looking into the project; and he also received unsigned letters in the mail and requested, in the future, all letters sent to him be signed or they would be disregarded.

Mayor Juidici thought senior housing was needed in our area, but felt the project needed further evaluation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown had provided his written report to Council.


ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported she was continuing to work on the easements and title opinions for the Rural Development Water Project and welcomed new Chief of Police Steve Snowaert.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted.

  
Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary