

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, April 12, 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, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (4). Absent: Council Member Karl Lehmann (1). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmember Lehmann.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, expressed her concerns with the Chief of Police salary; appointments made to the Library Board; the last meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission; and she resigned from the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – Councilman Koski reserved time as the Executive Director of the Ski Hall of Fame for agenda item number 11.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (March 8, 22, and 27 and Closed Session March 27<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Mayor Juidici and Councilman Skauge)
- c. Special Event Application: Marquette Marathon – September 2, 2017
- d. Special Event Application: Swim Teal Lake: Benefit for Diabetes – July 28 & 29, 2017
- e. Request for Street Closure and Temporary Liquor License – Brogies Bar – June 7, 2017
- f. Confirm appointment of Tracy Magnuson to vacancy on the DDA expiring 7/2018

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Lampman, Finance Director, reviewed the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP YEAR-END PRESENTATION

Carolee Swanberg, Vice President of Economic Development, and Amy Clickner, Chief Executive Officer presented the Lake Superior Community Partnership year-end report which included a summary of assistance provided to the City of Ishpeming.

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

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

RENEWAL OF THE U.S. NATIONAL SKI HALL OF FAME, INC. LEASE

Justin Koski, Executive Director of the Ski Hall of Fame, thanked Council for extending the lease for another 10 years; noted they have already had requests for future induction ceremonies; and Ishpeming was being recognized by many ski organizations.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Mayor Juidici to approve the renewal of the lease with the National Ski Hall of Fame for 10 years. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Councilmembers Skauge and Tonkin (3). Nays: None (0). Abstained: Councilman Koski because he is Executive Director of the Ski Hall of Fame. (1).

TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE DPW STAFFING LEVEL

Jon Kangas advised there was an upcoming retirement in DPW at the end of May and he would like permission to hire the replacement 4 weeks early for training purposes.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the increase to DPW salaries by \$5,000 and approve the hiring of the new Meter Reader four weeks early.

APPOINT CITY ATTORNEY AS CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to appoint City Attorney Hoff and Mayor Juidici to represent the City at the April 19<sup>th</sup> MCSWMA Meeting.

CONFIRM CHAIN OF COMMAND IN ABSENCE OF CITY MANAGER

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve chain of command in absence of City Manager as being: Jon Kangas, DPW Director; Jim Lampman Finance Manager; and Steven Snowaert, Chief of Police.

SET SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to set a special meeting to discuss the proposed Fire/DPW Equipment Millage for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to set a special meeting for the bid award for the Water Project for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS - There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Juidici thanked everyone involved in the cleanup from the wind storm on April 10<sup>th</sup> including DPW, Fire, Police, Central Dispatch, Marquette County Emergency Management, UPPCO and all other companies and people that helped. He also thanked the Salvation Army for providing a warmer shelter.

Councilman Tonkin thanked everyone for all their work after the wind storm and the snow storm that followed; he was very glad to see how everyone pitched in.

Councilman Koski thanked everyone for working together to clean up after the storms; reminded everyone to support the local businesses especially the ones that had damage from the storms; and advised everyone that the Hall of Fame was doing very well.

Councilman Skauge was happy to see how everyone pulled together and was proud of our community; and reminded everyone to support the local business that were damaged during the events.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown thanked Council and staff for their support during his bereavement leave; announced the DNR had accepted the grant application for Lake Bancroft Pavilion; and the water project bids were due on May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff explained Rural Development has confirmed the ownership of the property which staff had been working on for some time. Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, summarized the process and explained it was very complicated. Mr. Stoor also explained the grant application for Lake Bancroft had been accepted by the DNR and that there were no problems with the Parks and Recreation Commission not having a quorum, as only the highest authority, which was Council, had to hold the public hearing and approve the Recreation Plan Amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:23 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary