

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, May 3, 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

Dave Neuffer, Fire Department, read a letter from the City of Ishpeming Firefighter's Association thanking Council and Manager Slown for giving the residents of the City the opportunity to decide on the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the community.

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, expressed her concerns with budget amendments, employment agreements and compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and also congratulated Councilman Skauge on his appointment to the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee.

Linda Andriacchi, Ishpeming Beautification Committee, thanked all the volunteers for their work and dedication to beautification in the City. She also discussed developing a garden/park area on the corner of Division Street and Lake Street in conjunction with Partridge Creek Farms which would include eatable gardens.

Dan Perkins, Partridge Creek Farm Director, thought the proposed garden/park would be a great addition to the City and further noted Partridge Creek Farm would maintain it.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to amend the minutes of April 25th to add Councilman Lehmann's comments during the discussion of the proposed millage.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items incorporating the changes to the April 25th minutes.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 12th and 25th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Councilman Koski and Councilman Lehmann)
- c. Reappoint Paul Olson to a 5 year term on the Library Board
- d. Reappoint Dave Morton, Edmond Holmgren, Stacia Lynn, and Angelo Bosio to 3 years terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission
- e. Appoint Tracy Magnuson to a 5 year term on the Cemetery Board
- f. Confirm appointment by City Manager of Councilman Skauge to the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee
- g. Special Event Application: St. Vincent DePaul Friends of the Poor Walk: August 25/26, 2017

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. There was some discussion regarding the development of an Equipment Fund for the 2018 budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY-AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INC.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Articles of Incorporation as presented, which included the County of Marquette.

PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE FORECLOSED PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER

Manager Slown requested the City purchase 429 E. New York Street which was adjacent to the access road to the water tower at a cost of \$6,970.72.

Councilman Skauge expressed concern with spending money to purchase property and additional money to demolish the structure when there was a need to purchase equipment. Discussion followed regarding all the assistance provided by the County Landbank and County Treasurer with demolition in the City and their help in receiving the Blight Elimination Grants; the City should in turn show good faith and help with blight elimination.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Lehmann to not purchase the property at 429 E. New York Street at this time. Ayes: Councilman Skauge (1). Nays: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, and Tonkin (4). Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tonkin, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to purchase the property at 429 E. New York Street from the County Treasurer in the amount of \$6,970.72.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CEMETERY BOARD TO PURCHASE A CEMETERY HOST APP

DPW Director Jon Kangas reported the Cemetery Board, at their last meeting, recommended the City Council amend the Cemetery budget in the amount of \$2,200 to purchase the basic option of the Cemetery Host App. There was discussion pertaining to limiting the amount of spending due to the needs for equipment.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to include in the 2018 proposed budget \$2,200 for the Cemetery Host App.

CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the proposal from the Central Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area to remove the invasive plant garlic mustard growing on property at Lake Bancroft Park and the Iron Ore Heritage Trail (between 3rd and 7th Streets) at no cost to the City.

BOND REFERENDUM PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Tom Colis, Miller Canfield, was on speaker phone and answered questions from Council and staff regarding the proposed ballot wording of the bond proposal as well as the amount and the number of years in which the bonds would be paid.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the bond proposal language incorporating the change from \$800,000 to \$850,000 and payable over a period of 12 years instead of 10 years.

PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the proposal from PFM Financial Advisors LLC to provide financial advisory services for the general obligation unlimited tax bonds for fire equipment.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Tonkin questioned when some of the potholes would be addressed; DPW Director Kangas advised citizens to report potholes to the DPW and they would be repaired as soon as possible.

Councilmembers Lehmann and Skauge pointed out the number of junk vehicles, unlicensed vehicles, and tires that are in some areas around town and requested staff continue working on complaints and violation.

Mayor Juidici questioned if it would be possible to create a schedule as to when streets would be swept so that citizens could get their vehicles off the road; DPW Director Kangas advised staff would try to post notices on the website and Facebook page.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge expressed his concern with the number of inoperable vehicles and tires on South Main Street; staff was currently addressing various issues and would also pass the concern on to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Koski reported he attended the Fitness Award events in Lansing as Ishpeming was one of the three finalists; attended meetings regarding the Smoke Free Parks Ordinance and the Skateboard Park Committee; and encouraged citizens to support the very important proposed millage for a fire truck to service the community.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Library Board meeting and thanked Finance Director Lampman for attending and explaining the Library budget; and he expressed his condolences to the family of Marcus Antilla.

Councilman Tonkin attended the Beautification Kickoff Breakfast, the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Smoke Free Parks Ordinance meeting, and the Skate Board Park Committee meeting.

Mayor Juidici reminded everyone of the bid opening for the Rural Development Water Improvement Project on Tuesday, May 9th for Contract 1 and on Thursday, May 11th for Contract 2 at 1:00 p.m. on both days.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown reported the Neighborhood Improvement Committee was currently working on a Strategic Plan and would be presenting it to Council at a future meeting; the Zoning Map had been completed and would be brought to the June Council meeting for approval; and because of the pricing received, DPW was able to purchase three pickup trucks instead of two.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of three pickup trucks for DPW and waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager.

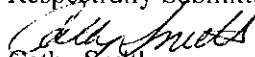
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff noted the Smoke Free Parks Ordinance and the Food Vendor Truck Ordinance would be brought to Council at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary