

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, May 15, 2017 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Joseph Juidici called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

AGENDA COMMENT

Jason Whitaker, from Nortrax Equipment, would like to comment on agenda Item #5.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to move Item #6 Charter Communications Uniform Video Service Franchise Agreement to the first item on the agenda.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Manager Slown reviewed the franchise fee and PEG fee in the previous franchise agreement and advised the proposal was to keep the franchise fee at 5% and increase the PEG fee as recommended by the High School administrative staff.

Vicki Lempanen, Principal of Ishpeming High School, advised the school would like the PEG fee increased to 2%. Ben McGuire, teacher of the Business Communications class at the High School, agreed with the increase to 2%. They advised the enrollment for the class had increased and was hoped to continue at the same level and the increased fee would help to reimburse the cost of providing the service. There was also discussion regarding how the increase in the PEG fee would affect the bills for Charter customers and the possibility of the school taking over televising the Council meetings since Charter would be eliminating the service.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to set the Franchise Fee at 5% and the PEG fee at 2% in the in the Uniform Video Service Franchise Agreement and authorize the Manager to sign.

AWARD BID FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CONTRACT 1 AND 2

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, reviewed the bids received for Contract 1 and Contract 2 and the bid prices received for the alternates.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to award Contract 1 and Contract 2, including the recommended alternates, to A. Lindberg and Sons.

RESOLUTION #7-2017, RESOLUTION TO TENTATIVELY AWARD CONTRACT 1 AND 2 FOR RD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mark Stoor explained after discussions with Rural Development Resolution #7-2017 may need to be changed to remove all non-participating pay items with regards to the sanitary sewer work which would be included in the language in Resolution #7-2017A. Sanitary sewer repairs would be covered from the fund balance in the sewer fund, not by Rural Development.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve both Resolutions #7-2017 and #7-2017A and submit the resolution that would be approved and accepted by Rural Development.

GEI CONSULTANTS OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #1

Mark Stoor explained this amendment would cover the title work performed by Al Pierce for the Water Improvement Project. Attorney Hoff and Mr. Pierce were thanked for their hard work and diligent efforts in completing the title research for the project.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Amendment #1 to the Owner-Engineer agreement in the amount of \$10,745.15.

REVISED SF-424 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Standard Form 424 removing the sanitary sewer work and authorize the Mayor to sign.

AWARD BID FOR 2017 WHEEL LOADER FOR DPW

Jason Whitaker, from Nortrax, thanked everyone for giving Nortrax an opportunity to submit a bid, and asked Council to consider their piece of equipment as it would have a higher trade in value, burns less fuel, and it was very stable.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to award the bid to Miller-Bradford and Risberg, Inc. for a Case 621G for a base bid of \$142,999, less the trade-in of the 1992 Case 621 in the amount of \$13,500 for a total price of \$ 129,499.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to declare the 1992 Case 621 (#301) as surplus and trade it in for the amount of \$13,500.

PROPOSED AL QUAAL PAVILION GIFT FROM ST. ROCCO/ST ANTHONY SOCIETY

DPW Director Jon Kangas explained, after speaking with the DNR about the request from St. Rocco/St. Anthony Society to use part of the pavilion for storage of their equipment, the DNR approved the use of part of the pavilion for St. Rocco/St. Anthony storage.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the storage area in the new Al Quaal Pavilion to be constructed by St. Rocco/St. Anthony Society with the storage area to be for their exclusive use and with permission being granted from the Department of Natural Resources since MNRTF funds were used to purchase the property.

AWARD BID FOR READY STREET/BR-28 CULVERT REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

DPW Director Jon Kangas reviewed the project and summarized the work to be done with the assistance from MDOT.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to award the bid for the Ready Street/BR-28 Culvert Removal and Replacement to Oberstar in the amount of \$42,200 with the cost of the project to be paid for by MDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary