

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 28, 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

Michael Pryor from RAMBA requested time to speak under the RAMBA Trailhead agenda item.

RAMBA TRAILHEAD

Jon Kangas explained RAMBA was proposing a Trailhead at the old Howard Oil Site; which would involve cleaning up the site, adding some parking, including a pump track and skills park, adding a kiosk, and adding signage.

Council thanked RAMBA for all their work and improvements made to the trail systems in Ishpeming.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve RAMBA's plan to improve the Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead at the Howard Oil Site.

AWARD OF BID FOR MALTON ROAD TRAIL EXTENSION

Manager Slown explained this was the section of the Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail that was removed from the grant portion of the trail, due to the possibility of the water project being done in the same area, which would result in the reconstruction of the trail shortly after it was built. In February 2016, Council committed to the DNR that the trail would be completed either in conjunction with the water main replacement project or as a stand-alone project if the water main was not completed.

Jon Kangas advised the City was awarded a grant from the Western Marquette County Health Foundation towards this project in the amount of \$10,000. It was suggested staff look for further grant opportunities to help fund this trail extension project.

Concerns were raised over the spending of \$20,000 on trails and not on roads; and, the possibility that the scoring of the MNRTF grant submitted for the Lake Bancroft Area Development Project could be effected if the trail extension project was not completed.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to table this item until the regular meeting in July.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT START DATE

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, advised the closing date for the Rural Development loan was set for Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. He advised it was acceptable by Rural Development for the City to proceed with signing the agreements and to begin construction prior to the loan closing; with the caveat that until the closing, the City was signing these agreements at their own risk. With Rural Development's permission to begin the work, the work would be eligible for reimbursement when the loan closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to authorize the USDA-RD Water Improvement Project to proceed prior to bond closing and authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts.

EMERGENCY READING OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #11-2400, BOND ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to Ordinance #11-2400 as an emergency reading.

ST. ROCCO/ST. ANTHONY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with St. Rocco/St. Anthony Society as presented.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: GOOFUS FOUNDERS DAY REUNION: 7/6/17

Alan Ammesmaki, also known as Goofus, highlighted the event he was proposing and noted he had obtained the necessary insurance certificate for the event. The event would take place from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and it would be completed before the IBA's Concert at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the Special Event application for the proposed event.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR BROGIES TAVERN

Matt DeWitt, owner of Brogies Tavern, reported his first concert event at the Warehouse went very well and he would like to continue to hold these types of events. However, when scheduling bands, sometimes the timeline was very tight, and submitting an application may not coincide with Council meeting. He asked if he could get approval to hold these events through October and he would still submit a Special Event Application for staff review.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to allow the Brogies concert series through October, with the completion of a Special Event Application by Brogies and approval by staff for the specific date, and to be confirmed by Council at their following meeting; with the impact to public space remaining the same as the first concert event.

2018 GOALS, BUDGET WORKSHOP, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Manager Slown explained the Capital Improvement Plan and advised it included capital projects for 2018-2023.

The City Hall request for new general ledger BS&A software would move the City forward and would integrate with the tax data base which would be much more efficient for staff and user friendly for residents to look up information on line. The current system was deteriorating and had been issuing "fatal error messages" more frequently with the entered data being lost and requiring re-entry.

Councilman Koski would like to pursue an I-Pad system, or laptop, for Council to increase efficiency for Council and staff and reduce paper.

Police Department radios and the request for a drone were talked about. Staff explained the drone would be used for search and rescue on trails; accident scenes, and also for rental/blighted properties. There was a need for tasers and radios next year as the current ones were outdated. The need for an additional officer was discussed versus receiving some of the capital projects that were requested.

Fire Department requests were discussed with the top need being a generator for Fire/Police/DPW. Ed Anderson, Fire Chief, advised a MMRMA grant was submitted for an \$80,000 project, which included engineering, in which the grant usually covered 50%, for a generator for the DPW/Fire/Police. This grant would be reviewed the end of July.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann and supported by Councilman Koski to go into closed session to discuss Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to MCL 15.243(13)g at 11:55 a.m. and request Finance Director Jim Lampman and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Bertucci stay for closed session. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, Skauge, and Tonkin (5).

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to return to open session at 12:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to direct staff to set up a new fund for the firefighter's longevity and to adopt the policy for the Firefighter's Longevity Fund as presented by the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:50 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary