

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 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, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to discuss item #17 Cable Television Broadcast of Council Meetings before the Monthly Budget Report.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>: Closed Session June 28<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Mayor Juidici and Councilman Koski)
- c. Approve travel for Finance Director to attend MERS Annual Conference: September 21 and 22
- d. UP Travel and Recreation Association Annual Investment Allocation of \$300
- e. Northern Michigan Public Service Academy 2017/18 Annual Dues
- f. Special Event Application and Parade Permit for St. Rocco/St. Anthony: 7/29/17
- g. Special Event Application: NORTHIRON Church Speed the Light 5K Run: 8/4/17
- h. Special Event Application/Temporary Liquor License: Brogies-Joe Diffie Concert: 7/28/17
- i. Special Event Application: Ore to Shore: 8/12/17

CABLE TELEVISION BROADCAST OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Don Gladwell, Charter Communications, explained it was a corporate decision to eliminate jobs and stop the broadcasting of meetings for local communities. Charter would be willing to donate the equipment for televising the meetings and also donate the equipment used by the schools for the PEG Channel but asked if the PEG fee, in the franchise agreement, could be re-evaluated.

There was discussion regarding the amount of the PEG fee, the donation of the equipment, and the continued broadcast of Council meetings.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to table this item to a future meeting.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds.

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

PRESENTATION OF 2016 AUDIT BY ANDERSON, TACKMAN AND COMPANY, PLC

Michael Greutz, Anderson Tackman and Company, reviewed the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2016. He summarized the individual funds, fund balances, and expenditures. There was discussion on the MERS pension plans, unfunded liability, and the regulations on recording the unfunded liability.

Mr. Greutz also noted the two instances of non-compliance. There was a deficit in the Water Fund and some of the rates sampled as part of the Act 51 Equipment Rentals were not correct.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to accept the 2016 Audit Report as presented.

WATER FUND DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the revised Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan for the deficit identified in the fiscal year 2016 Audit Report. This revised deficit plan included a rate increase of 12% instead of the 15% rate increase that was proposed in the initial deficit elimination plan approved by the Department of Treasury for fiscal year 2015.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the amended Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan as presented.

AWARD BID FOR HEATING PUMP/AIR CONDITIONING – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DPW Director Jon Kangas reviewed the bids received for the proposed ductless Air Conditioning/Heat Unit for the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to award the bid to Central Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$6,100 and acquire the services of J&N Electric to complete the electrical work in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #2-1400 TO REGULATE SMOKING AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN OUTDOOR PUBLIC PLACES

Council Members Skauge and Lehmann expressed their concerns regarding enforcement of the ordinance and prohibiting smoking in outdoor places rather than allowing smoking at a specified distance.

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici and supported by Councilman Koski to approve Ordinance #2-1400 Regulating Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products in Outdoor Public Places as of the second reading. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski and Tonkin (3). Nays: Council Members Skauge and Lehmann (2). Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #3-1300, TO REGULATE MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance #3-1300 Regulating Mobile Food Vendors as of the second reading.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #9-2017 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #9-2017 as presented.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-2017 ESTABLISHING LOCATIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #10-2017 as presented.

AWARD BID FOR MALTON ROAD TRAIL EXTENSION

DPW Director Jon Kangas explained the proposed project and reviewed the two bids received from Oberstar Excavating in the amount of \$30,145 and A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$30,664.60. A grant was received in the amount of \$10,000 from the Western Marquette County Health Foundation towards this project.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to award the bid for the Malton Road Trail Extension to A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$ \$30,664.60 with the understanding the completion date may change.

CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE FOR SKI HALL OF FAME

Justin Koski, Ski Hall of Fame Executive Director, explained the Hall of Fame was applying for a Charitable Gaming License with the State of Michigan for fund raising purposes.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Lehmann to approve the application for a Charitable Gaming License for the Ski Hall of Fame as requested. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Councilmembers Lehmann, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: None (0). Abstained: Councilman Koski (1). Motion passed.

OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY SERVICE AGREEMENT – CITY HALL

Manager Slown advised this agreement would cover the elevator at City Hall. Attorney Hoff advised there was some language in the agreement that should be deleted prior to her approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to waive competitive bidding on the recommendation of the City Manager and accept the Otis Elevator Maintenance Agreement contingent upon Attorney Hoff's acceptance of the language change.

2017 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the 2017 proposed mid-year budget amendments which included the General Fund, Major and Local Street Funds, Lake Bancroft, Public Improvement Fund, Sewer Fund, and Water Fund.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the 2017 mid-year budget amendments as presented.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to set a special meeting for Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Skauge noted he would like to see the four blocks on Second Street repaved at some point in the near future; DPW Director Jon Kangas advised cost estimates were being prepared for the repaving.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Lehmann reported there were some issues with other fireworks being set off at Al Quaal in close proximity to the main fireworks display launching area which could have caused a dangerous situation. He suggested more enforcement be dedicated to Al Quaal next year; Chief Snowaert advised the Police Department was aware of the situation and would provide more enforcement next year.

Councilman Skauge reported some issues with the Housing Authority with regards to payroll and discussed the City's past practice of preparing their payroll.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge attended the Housing Authority and Central Dispatch Board meetings; and reported the Fourth of July festivities were very well attended and everything went great.

Councilman Koski also noted the Fourth of July celebration was great and well organized; and also attended the Skate Park Committee meeting which was making some progress.

Mayor Juidici commended the Fourth of July Committee on a great event; thanked DPW for their clean up before and after the parade; and attended the pre-construction meeting for the Water Improvement Project.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Ishpeming High School Open House which was very well attended; helped the Fourth of July Committee with the parade line-up, and was very happy with the great turnout for the festivities.

Councilman Tonkin attended the Planning Commission meeting and Skate Park Committee meeting; thanked all the volunteers for their efforts during the Fourth of July festivities; and reminded everyone that fireworks can be dangerous.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown reported the check was received for the Firefighters Longevity Fund.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported the Rural Development Bond closing was scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> in Gladstone.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary