

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, July 26, 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 – There was none.

CABLE TELEVISION BROADCAST OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

There was no new information regarding this item. It was the consensus of Council to leave this item tabled until a future meeting.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: ISHPEMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the Special Event Application for the Fire Department National Night Out on July 27, 2017.

2018 GOALS, BUDGET WORKSHOP, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Manager Slown summarized the Capital Improvement Plan, budget, and goals process.

Councilman Skauge and Councilman Lehmann felt the Local Streets Resurfacing Project was a number one goal and should be completed before the DPW/Fire/Police Parking Improvements Project. They also felt money should be put into the budget every year for street resurfacing.

Councilman Skauge had a second goal to purchase a new snowplow for DPW; and additional goals of a garage/car port for police vehicles; and the addition of a police officer. He also suggested staff look into the possibility of the City taking over garbage collection versus contracting it out.

Councilman Lehmann would like to see the copier and paper shredder removed from the Capital Improvement Plan. He asked questions of the Police Department regarding AR-15 rifle replacement. He felt the Local Streets Resurfacing Project impacted the taxpayers and should be a priority.

There was discussion as to the number of roads to be repaved during the Rural Development Water Project and the repair and maintenance plan for potholes as well as the process DPW used for repairing potholes.

Councilman Koski would like to add a police officer position and possibly a position for DPW because staffing levels were important in continuing to move the City forward; the accounting software and the server replacement are critical for city operations and to improve efficiency.

Finance Director Jim Lampman explained the current software was no longer being supported by Incode and fatal errors were being received on a daily basis. In addition, the current server will not meet the needs of any new software system so it would also need to be upgraded in conjunction with the purchase of new software.

Councilman Tonkin felt automation was an important goal for the City to continue moving forward and to save staff time and increase the efficiency of operations. He added software was very important even if it was not as noticeable to the public. Resurfacing of roads was a very important goal, but should be prioritized with the other needs. A millage for road repairs could also be considered.

Mayor Juidici would like to have money budgeted for special events to cover any manpower and overtime needed, especially for the larger events, such as the Super Tour. He would also like to begin discussions to address the MERS unfunded liability issue. There was further discussion on the unfunded liability. Staff was working on a plan to address this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary