

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, August 9, 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

Debra Gronvall advised she was part of a small organization called Ishpeming Forward which was comprised of some citizens that would like to see the City continue to move forward and be cleaned up, and would like to help in any way possible.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of four New Business items: Cleaning contract for City Hall and DPW; Second Street repaving; Request to be mentored by City Manager; City Manager permission to travel outside of Marquette County.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Approval of Disbursements (Councilman Lehmann and Councilman Tonkin)
- c. Appoint Brooke Routhier to a vacancy on the Library Board with term expiring May 2021
- d. Confirm reappointment of Jay Clancey and Carrie Meyer to 4 year terms on the DDA
- e. Special Event Application: Marji Gesik 100 – September 22 and 23, 2017
- f. Special Event Application: Neighborhood Night Out
- g. Special Event Application: Paradise Bar – 9/2/17
- h. Special Event Application: Rainbow Bar – 9/23/17
- i. Special Event Application and Parade Permit: Labor Day Festivities – 9/4/17

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds.

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

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #1 FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER PROJECT

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, explained the second draw to Rural Development included Pay Applications #1 for Contracts I and II to Lindberg and Sons totaling 214,294.04 and GEI Consultants totaling \$3,965.25 for a total Second Draw of \$218,260.29. He also advised Pay Application #1 was received for Contract III which was for sanitary sewer work and was not included with Rural Development in the amount of \$13,508.27. These costs were primarily for mobilization and stored materials.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the second draw and payment of \$214,295.04 to Lindberg and Sons and \$3,965.25 to GEI Consultants.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application #1 for Contract III to A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$13,508.27.

FINAL PLAN FOR POWER OF 10 POCKET PARK

Manager Slown reviewed the items that were included in the Park and explained the change from a banner to a trail wayfinding sign.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to request this item be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission for acceptance of the Park and to provide maintenance; and, also ask the Iron Heritage Trail if they would be willing to help with maintenance.

DOWNTOWN GARDEN AND SIGN CONCEPT

Manager Slown reviewed the plan to erect "Welcome to Downtown Ishpeming" signs at the new Power of 10 Pocket Park and at the intersection of Division Street and Lakeshore Drive. There was discussion regarding the size and design of the signs.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the concept of the "Welcome to Ishpeming Signs".

APPROVE PURCHASE OF DPW PRESSURE WASHER

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the Karcher HDS 3.5/30-4MEA pressure washer from Auto Value of Ishpeming for the price of \$6,455.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Lehmann reported he had received a complaint from a resident pertaining to the Oasis Gas Station property between Ely Street and Hematite Drive and would like to know the status of enforcement on that site. Manager Slown advised violation letters had been issued the latest with a September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to pursue resolving this issue and include the City Attorney, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, and Zoning Administrator as much as necessary.

Councilman Koski questioned the status of the enforcement of junk cars, debris, and tires at the Harsila Auto site on Main Street. Manager Slown advised staff had a meeting with the owners and deadlines were given for cleanup of the lots, as well as, making repairs to his building.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to take the necessary steps to amend the ordinance to limit the length of time vehicles could be parked at a repair facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Slown reported many complaints were received regarding shutoffs during the Rural Development Water Project and advised staff would like to forward a letter to residents providing the tentative construction schedule, the list of places where updates would be posted, and phone numbers for DPW and City Hall. There was discussion related to various methods of notification.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to move forward with the letter to the residents.

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, reviewed the proposal from A. Lindberg and Sons for the full width paving of Second Street versus half width paving.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to request GEI Consultants to work up a cost estimate for the full width paving of four blocks of Second Street leaving the existing aggregate and sub-base.

Manager Slown advised bids were received for cleaning services at DPW and City Hall. SCI was the low bidder at \$1,086.33 per month.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to award the bid to SCI for cleaning services at City Hall and DPW contingent upon approval of the contract by the City Attorney.

Manager Slown explained Ryan Soucy of the MEDC had applied for the position of City Manager in Negaunee and he had asked to be mentored; there was no action taken.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the City Manager's travel to the DNR Lake Bancroft Grant presentation in Mackinac.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Skauge thanked everyone for voting and was happy the millage passed; the VFW Bean Bag Tournament was a huge success; the garbage drop off the last Saturday of the month was always very busy and felt it was a great service to offer to the citizens; and comment on how great town was looking.

Councilman Koski provided an update on the Skate Park Committee progress for the multi-use park and reviewed some of the possible grant opportunities available.

Councilman Lehmann attended the Fire Department Block Party which had a very good turnout; and reminded everyone of the Men's U.P. Golf Championship at Wawonowin Country Club this week.

Councilman Tonkin thanked the voters for supporting the millage; noted the air conditioning had been installed in the Council Chambers; and commented on the letter received from the Eastwood Nursing Home.

Mayor Juidici attended the Cemetery Board meeting and thanked everyone that voted for the millage.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown would provide a written report to Council.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff reported the Rural Development Bond Closing was successful and wished the new owner of the Anderson Building on Main Street much success.

#### CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Skauge to go into closed session to discuss Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to MCL 15.243(13)g at 8:54 p.m. and request Finance Director Jim Lampman stay for closed session. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Lehmann, Skauge, and Tonkin (5). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to return to open session at 9:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to direct staff to not process the Housing Commission payroll until full payment for the payroll, for that pay period, was received from the Housing Commission.


A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to send a letter to the Housing Commission requiring the delinquent payroll amount be paid in full within 60 days of the date of the letter.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to direct the City Manager to send a letter to the Housing Commission notifying that as of December 31, 2017 the City of Ishpeming will no longer consider the Housing Commission as employees of the City and will no longer process payroll, health insurance, liability insurance, or worker's compensation insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary