

The Regular Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, September 6, 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

Eugene Trudell, 262 Stone Street, voiced his concerns over the potholes which were in need of repair on Stone Street.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the change of discussing Item #10 Charge Order #2, before Item #9 Water System Improvement Project Draw Three.

AGENDA COMMENT

DPW Director Jon Kangas advised the date for the Cyclocross Race, was changed from October 14th to October 15th due to a conflict. Manager Slown also requested a public hearing for the Industrial Way vacation also be scheduled for the special meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda incorporating the above revisions.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items with the date change for item 7g.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting (August 9th and Closed Session August 9th)
- b. Approval of Disbursements
- c. Confirm 2017 Form L-4029
- d. Reappoint Brad Waters and Joseph Pelkola to 3 year terms on Commission on Aging
- e. Declare library books and various items as surplus
- f. Confirm Special Event Application and Temporary Liquor License for Brogie's Tavern: September 8th, 28th, and 30th
- g. Special Event Application: Cyclocross Race: October 15, 2017
- h. Special Event Application: Out of the Darkness Walk: September 9, 2017
- i. Special Event Application and Parade Permit for IHS Homecoming: September 22, 2017

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2017 which included the General Fund, Garbage Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. It was the consensus of Council to file the financial statements.

CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR CONTRACT I – RD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mark Stoor, GEI Consultants, reviewed Change Order 2 for Contract I with A. Lindberg and Sons for the Water System Improvement Project for an increase of \$4,980.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to approve Change Order 2 in the amount of \$4,980 for Contract I for the Water System Improvement Project.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DRAW THREE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the third draw to Rural Development in the amount of \$476,902.28 for the Water System Improvement Project.

A. LINDBERG AND SONS PAY APPLICATION 2 FOR CONTRACT III

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application 2 for Contract III to A. Lindberg and Sons in the amount of \$37,279.39.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Slown explained this was a Quit Claim Agreement/Bill of Sale for the equipment to broadcast Council meetings and the equipment used by the school for Channel 189. Attorney Hoff would like to have the references to State of New York changed to the State of Michigan before the agreement is accepted.

Don Gladwell, Charter Communication, advised the recording equipment was in the possession of the City and the High School had the rest of the equipment for Channel 189.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to accept the Quit Claim Agreement as presented.

UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Manager Slown explained the previous Franchise Agreement renewal was approved with a PEG fee of 2% and Charter Communications was asking that this PEG fee be changed to .20 cents per subscriber.

Don Gladwell, Charter Communications, would like to have the PEG fee at .20 cents per subscriber in an attempt to keep the cost down. There was discussion regarding how the PEG Channel operates. Councilman Lehmann felt working with the schools and allowing the High School to have the equipment was beneficial to everyone.

Councilman Skauge expressed concern over changing the fee from 20% to .20 cents per subscriber and moved to change the PEG fee to 1% instead of the current 2%. Motion died for lack of support.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski and supported by Councilman Lehmann to approve the change in the PEG fee from 2% to .20 cents per subscriber. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Councilmembers Koski, Lehmann, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilmember Skauge (1). Motion passed 4-1.

RESOLUTION #11-2017, AUTHORIZING 2017 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #11-2017, Authorizing 2017 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds as presented.

906 TECHNOLOGIES QUOTE – NEW SERVER

Finance Director James Lampman advised the server at City Hall which also serves Public Works and the Police Department was very slow and causing inefficiencies for all departments. The current server was over 10 years old which exceeds the useful life. There had been instances where the utilities have had to be re-entered because of server being so slow or having a fatal error.

Councilman Skauge expressed concern as this item was not in the budget for 2017 and would like to hold off until 2018 to purchase the server. There was further discussion regarding the inefficiency of the server and the possibility of data being lost if the server failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann and supported by Councilman Tonkin to approve the purchase of the new server in the amount of \$6,566.83 for 906 Technologies as presented. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members, Koski, Lehmann, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Councilman Skauge (1). Motion passed 4-1.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Manager Slown asked that a special Council meeting be scheduled to discuss the Jasperlite Senior Housing Resolution of Support and to hold a public hearing on the potential vacation of a portion of Industrial Way.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Mayor Juidici and carried unanimously to schedule a special Council meeting for Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Power of 10 Pocket Park Maintenance Update

Manager Slown explained the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed to maintain the Power of 10 Pocket Park, but only the Park, not the entire parcel; and he advised the Iron Ore Heritage Trail did not have the resources to assist with the maintenance of the park.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to concur with the Parks and Recreation Commission to take over the maintenance of the Park but not the entire parcel.

Ishpeming Housing Commission Discussion

Manager Slown explained currently the Manager appoints the members of the Housing Commission. There was discussion regarding the current procedure and how appointments should be handled in the future. An Ordinance amendment would be necessary to address this.

Finance Director Jim Lampman reported the Housing Commission prepared their own payroll last pay period. He further explained since the Housing Commission and City Employees were grouped together the entire premium would have to be paid every month; or the Housing Commission employees would have to be un-enrolled and put into COBRA.

There was discussion regarding the options available for health insurance coverage, the deadlines provided to the Housing Commission, and the amount of money currently owed to the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Skauge and carried unanimously to offer the Housing Commission the opportunity to remain on the Health Insurance through December 31, 2017 as long as the payments were made to the City prior to the City paying the insurance premium each month.

Zoning Violations

Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator, explained the owner of 378 W. Division Street applied for a zoning variance for the addition to the side of the building. Progress was being made at the Ely Street site, however it was slow progress, and the deadline for compliance in the letter sent to the owner was September 15th.

Councilman Lehmann felt there was a safety issue for kids and that the fence was not high enough to cover all the equipment/debris at the Ely Street location.

Discussion also took place regarding the Harsila Auto site and the length of time cars are left at the site.

NEW BUSINESS

DPW Director Jon Kangas advised if A. Lindberg and Sons uses the fill sites described in each of the agreement it would be beneficial to both parties. It gives Lindberg and Sons a close space nearby to dispose of material and it would create more usable space for the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Mayor Juidici to approve the Cemetery Fill Agreement with A. Lindberg and Sons as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Al Quaal Rec Area Fill Agreement with A. Lindberg and Sons as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Ishpeming Ballfield Complex Fill Agreement with A. Lindberg and Sons as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Jasper Street Mine Pit Fill Agreement with A. Lindberg and Sons as presented.

Councilman Koski reminded everyone to be patient while the construction project was going on.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to provide the City Manager the option to miss the special meeting since he was going out of town on personnel business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Tonkin attended a Skate Park and Neighborhood Improvement Committee meetings; attended a training session for the rules and regulation for marijuana; and also met with the school and the Governor regarding the Geometry and Construction Class at the High School.

Councilman Lehmann attended the press conference with Senator Stabenow; talked with the Ishpeming Township Supervisor regarding the Jasperlite project and they were also in support of the project and would forward a letter to Amy Lerlie.

Councilman Koski felt the City was continuing to move forward and thanked staff for all their work; thanked Lindberg and Sons for getting started on the water project; and Linda Andriacchi for the wonderful article she wrote on beautification in the City.

Councilman Skauge attended the Labor Day festivities which was very well attended; provided an update on the new procedures for Central Dispatch so they would have more information on each household in the County; and advise Highland Copper was planning on opening an office in Ishpeming.

Mayor Joseph Giudici thanked Anne Giroux for obtaining another Blight Elimination Grant part of which would cover the City of Ishpeming; and thanked the Marietti's for the use of their site for the presentation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Slown provided a written report. He also noted the Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan was approved by the State; the sale of the bonds for the Fire Department Equipment Millage would take place in October; and the cleaning contract for City Hall and DPW was in place with SCI Cleaning and Maintenance.

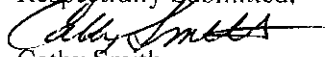
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hoff advised she had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary