

Council Proceedings of December 21, 2011
Ishpeming, Michigan

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Scanlon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Elaine Racine, John Stone and Mike Tall. Also present City Manager Jered Ottenwess.

Present: Five (5). Absent: None (0).

Agenda Comment

None

Meter Reading Equipment & Software

City Manager Ottenwess explained the proposal from DPW Director Jon Kangas to request purchase of a Sensus Series #5501 interrogator with Touchgun meter reader and software to download to our current utility billing system. The change to the Sensus meters has to date been by necessity, but the Council would like to see an installation increase once the new equipment is acquired.

A motion was made by Mayor Scanlon, based on the recommendation of City Manager Ottenwess to waive competitive bidding, to purchase from HD Supply Waterworks the Sensus Series #5501 interrogator for the price of \$6400.00 and associated software for a price of \$4200.00 with the first year of annual support fees of \$1500.00 be waived, Councilman Stone supported the motion. Ayes: Five (5) Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Partridge Creek Property Acquisition

City Manager Ottenwess explained the need to acquire the 4.37 acre parcel near the Town Square Apartment Complex for the open channel improvements associated with the Partridge Creek project. The City Manager stated the attempt to purchase this parcel had been convoluted with a change in ownership between Valley Sales, Inc. and Town Square. The title insurance policy has been received and City Attorney Savu is drafting the necessary documents to proceed with acquisition. Authorization to purchase the property from Valley Sales, Inc. will permit the Partridge Creek open channel improvements as designed to be completed. If the property is not acquired, probably the cost of the project would increase because of the change in the open channel concept and design limitations. Councilman Stone asked if our City Attorney should be questioned about any liability with the open channel design.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest with support from Councilman Tall to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with the purchase of 4.37 acres from Valley Sales at a cost of \$21,850.00 (\$5000.00 per acre) with flexibility to include an amount for reasonable processing fees. The funding source for the purchase would be from the bond proceeds for the Partridge Creek project. Ayes: Five (5) Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

2011 Budget Amendments

City Manager Ottenwess explained the process by which the budget is adopted and the need to make amendments by year end.

A motion was made by Mayor Scanlon with support from Councilwoman Demarest to accept the 2011 Budget Amendments as presented. Ayes: Five (5) Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Councilman Stone wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest with support from Councilwoman Racine to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Ayes: Five (5) Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Anita K. Keto
City Treasurer