

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gary Nelson, Council Members Patricia Bureau, Claudia Demarest, Pat Scanlon and John Stone. Present: Five (5). Absent: None (0). Also present was City Manager Jered Ottenwess.

AGENDA COMMENT

None.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE AND LIBRARY STAFFING

City Manager Ottenwess reported that Head Librarian Cindy Mack has submitted a request for maternity leave and a request to hire a temporary, part-time library clerk. City Manager Ottenwess stated that the part-time clerk would be employed from Memorial Day through Labor Day. City Manager Ottenwess stated that a budget amendment of approximately \$2,000 may be necessary to cover the costs of the temporary, part-time library clerk.

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to approve the request for maternity leave as submitted by Head Librarian Cindy Mack and to lift the hiring freeze for the purpose of hiring a temporary, part-time library clerk from June 1 to September 7, 2010. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

VACTOR REFURBISHING

At the recommendation of the City Manager and the Public Works Director, a motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilman Stone to approve an expenditure of up to \$56,000 for repairs to the City-owned Vactor truck, expenditure to be paid from the fork lift line item and the sweeper line item. Repair services shall be obtained from Superior Equipment and Supply Co., Inc. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilman Stone to enter into closed session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss the union negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Bureau, Councilwoman Demarest, Councilman Scanlon, Councilman Stone and Mayor Nelson. Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to return to open session at 5:13 p.m. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to accept the tentative labor agreement with the DPW union as presented and to authorize City Manager Ottenwess to draft the language of the final agreement. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Stone reminded the City Council that there are three reasons that the Council must keep up the General Fund balance. Councilman Stone stated that the Partridge Creek project, the floor repairs at the Fire Department and the fence installation around the old dump site will need the Council's attention in the very near future.

Mayor Nelson reported that a meeting was held with representatives of both the City of Ishpeming and the City of Negaunee to discuss options for creating a joint solid waste collection agreement. Mayor Nelson stated that both parties agreed that it would be worthwhile to pursue the options that are available.

A motion was made by Mayor Nelson and seconded by Councilman Scanlon to authorize the City Manager to meet with officials from the City of Negaunee for the purpose of creating tentative language for a joint solid waste disposal agreement. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Scanlon reported that he looked at the old dump site recently and stated that there has been some vandalism and damage around the area. Councilman Scanlon suggested that we have some neighborhood watch groups keep an eye on the dump site along with the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. Councilman Scanlon suggested that Police Chief Bjorne contact Negaunee's Police Chief in order to work out a plan for monitoring these areas.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Jenifer M. Rajala
City Clerk