

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at the Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Council Members Claudia Demarest, John Stone and Mike Tall. Four (4). Absent: Councilwoman Elaine Racine. One (1). Also present were City Manager Jered Ottenwess and City Attorney David Savu.

AGENDA COMMENT

Mr. Carr Baldwin, U.P. Engineers and Architects, stated that he was available for questions regarding Agenda Item No. 2.

Mr. Mike Gatzow, GEI Consultants, stated that he and Mr. Jeff Ball were available for questions regarding Agenda Item No. 2.

Mayor Scanlon offered his apology to the City Council for losing his temper at the last meeting of the City Council.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A LOADER AND DUMP TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Scanlon reported that additional details regarding the loader and the MiDEAL purchase are still being gathered.

At the recommendation of Public Works Director Kangas, a motion was made by Mayor Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to table the action to purchase a loader for the Department of Public Works until the next regular meeting of the City Council on March 9, 2011. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

At the recommendation of the City Manager and the Public Works Director, a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Tall to authorize the purchase of a 2011 GMC Sierra 3500HD with Monroe MTE-ZEE Dump Body from Red Holman GMC for the MiDEAL price of \$38,882.50 plus delivery costs of \$1.50 per mile, to waive competitive bidding and to use the MiDEAL contract for the purchase. Expenditure to be paid from the DPW Public Improvement Fund. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

Public Works Director Kangas stated that one of the options available on the 2011 GMC Sierra is a step bar. The Public Works Director stated that the cabs are relatively high on this type of vehicle and he recommended the purchase of the step bar to protect the safety of the operators.

At the recommendation of the Public Works Director, a motion was made by Councilman Tall and seconded by Mayor Scanlon to approve the purchase of the step bar, purchase option 3TB, for the 2011 GMC Dump Truck in the amount \$555.00. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ENGINEER FOR THE PARTRIDGE CREEK PROJECT

City Manager Ottenwess reported that the City of Ishpeming received five (5) qualifications for the Partridge Creek project. The City Manager stated that the qualifications were submitted by AECOM, GEI Consultants, North Country, OHM, and UPEA. The City Manager stated that the City Council designated a selection committee to review the qualifications and provide recommendations to the City Council. City Manager Ottenwess stated that the committee consists of Councilwoman Demarest, Councilman Tall, the City Manager and the Public Works Director. City Manager Ottenwess explained the selection process and stated that objective criteria were used to score each firm's qualifications. The City Manager stated that each committee member reviewed and scored the qualifications privately.

City Manager Ottenwess presented the results of the ranking and stated that GEI Consultants was the top ranked firm, followed by OHM and then AECOM.

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Mayor Scanlon and seconded by Councilman Tall to approve the ranking as presented and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with GEI Consultants for the Partridge Creek project, Phase I. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Stone reported that it was brought to his attention that a DPW employee told a citizen that he was responsible for the lock on the DPW dumpster. Public Works Director Kangas stated that he made the decision to lock the dumpster and stated that he will be sure to inform the employees.

Mayor Scanlon reported that he was contacted by Lisa Brogan from the Marquette County Road Commission. Mayor Scanlon stated that at the next regular meeting of the City Council, the Marquette County Road Commission will request the City Council to consider a revised resolution concerning the future of the transportation route for the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Tall to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

Jenifer M. Rajala
City Clerk