

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at the Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Scanlon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

AGENDA COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Stone and seconded by Mayor Scanlon to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- a. Approve the Letter of Understanding, as presented, between the City of Ishpeming and the Ishpeming Police Department Union regarding the signing bonus

Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

2011 AUDIT

Mr. John Blemberg, of Anderson, Tackman & Company, presented the FY2010 audit report. Mr. Blemberg stated that FY2010 ended with a General Fund Balance of \$405,856, which was just slightly lower than FY2009 General Fund Balance of \$419,228. Mr. Blemberg stated that it is recommended that the City have between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 of reserves, which represents 60 to 120 days of City expenses.

Mr. Blemberg reviewed the financial statements and discussed the activity in the major governmental funds, the non-major governmental funds, the enterprise funds, and the fiduciary funds.

The FY2010 audit was received and accepted by the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Tall to approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 11-5405, Project No. SRS 1152(317) for the Safe Routes to School Project and to authorize Mayor Scanlon and City Clerk Rajala to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Ishpeming. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mayor Scanlon and seconded by Councilman Stone to authorize the City Manager to move forward with the *Agreement to Recover Lost Property*, as presented, between the City of Ishpeming and the Untied States Locator Service Corporation. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

Councilman Stone stated that a section of fencing on the south end of the cemetery is broken. The fence has been broken for some time and he would like to see it repaired soon.

Councilman Stone reported that the City Attorney has been pursuing legal action against the owners of unsafe buildings and stated that it is unfortunate that the City must use the court system to get the owners to make progress on these properties, but we must continue to do whatever it takes to get these buildings repaired or demolished.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Tall and seconded by Mayor Scanlon to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: One (1). Motion carried.

Jenifer M. Rajala
City Clerk