

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at the Ishpeming City Hall. Mayor Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

AGENDA COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bureau and seconded by Councilman Scanlon that the disbursements be approved as presented and ordered paid. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRING FREEZE AND AUTHORIZE FILLING A VACANT PATROLMAN POSITION

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Bureau to lift the hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of a full-time patrolman in order to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sergeant Ron Schultz. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

BIDS FOR SALE OF FOUR SURPLUS AMBULANCES

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Scanlon to accept the bid in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the sale of four (4) EMS vehicles to Bell Hospital. The vehicles to be sold include: 1997 Type I F-350 modular ambulance, 1998 Type III E-350 modular ambulance, 2002 Sprinter Type II Van, and a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Stone questioned the status of the Habitat for Humanity property on East Vine Street. Councilman Stone asked whether or not the building demolition has been scheduled.

City Manager Ottenwess stated that the utilities have been marked on the property. City Manager Ottenwess stated that he will contact the Habitat for Humanity officials and find out when they intend to demolish the structure.

Councilman Scanlon stated that as the winter months approach, the City street lights will be on for several more hours each day. Councilman Scanlon stated that it is important for the City to conserve energy whenever possible. Councilman Scanlon recommended that the City staff make an assessment of all of the timers on the street lights, park lights and trail lights to ensure that they are operating only when necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Nelson reported that there was a serious structure fire earlier today at the corner of Lake and Division Streets.

City Manager Ottenwess reported that the City received an application for Revolving Loan Funds from a local business owner. The City Manager stated that the Revolving Loan Fund policy calls for a committee to review all applications. The City Manager stated that the committee is to consist of the City Manager, the City Treasurer and one City Council Member.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest and seconded by Councilman Stone to appoint Councilman Pat Scanlon to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund review committee. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL CITY ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION AND UNION NEGOTIATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to enter into closed session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss attorney/client communication. 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 10:58 a.m. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Mayor Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Jenifer M. Rajala
City Clerk