

A special meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at the Ishpeming Senior Center. Mayor Gary Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gary Nelson, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Pat Scanlon and John Stone.
Present: Four (4). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Also present was City Manager Jered Ottenwess.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Councilman Stone and seconded Councilwoman Demarest that the disbursements be approved as presented and ordered paid. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

AGENDA COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 BUDGET

Mayor Gary Nelson opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to hear and receive comments regarding the FY2011 Budget. City Manager Ottenwess stated that no written comments were received. Hearing no comments, Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHANGES TO PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Ottenwess reported that the proposed FY2011 Budget includes the incorporation of the Tube Slide Fund into the General Fund. The City Manager stated that the proposed budget has been modified to include annual conference expenses for the City Assessor. City Manager Ottenwess stated that if the proposed budget for the Water and Sewer Funds is approved, rate increases will be necessary. The City Manager stated that the water and sewer rate adjustments will require an ordinance revision at a future City Council meeting.

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to adopt the FY2011 Budget as amended by the City Manager. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

ADOPT AMENDED 2010 CITY BUDGET

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Scanlon to adopt the amended FY2010 budget as presented by the City Manager. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

SET MILLAGE RATES

At the recommendation of the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Scanlon to set the 2010 millage rate at 18.8773 mils. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

SKI HALL OF FAME REQUEST

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to approve the request from the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame for a \$500.00 contribution for continuing services as presented; funds to be paid from the Community Promotions fund. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

MML ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By consensus of the City Council Members, no action was taken on this agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Scanlon reported that a preliminary test of the wind turbine was conducted several days ago. Councilman Scanlon stated that he visited the site while the turbine was turning and was pleased that the turbine makes no noise.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Stone reported that he attended the Library Board meeting. Councilman Stone stated that there continues to be concern about employee safety in the evening hours. Councilman Stone requested the City staff to research options for installing an alarm system at the library that would provide additional safety and protection for the library employees.

Councilman Scanlon suggested that parking spaces near the entrances be assigned to library staff members.

Mayor Nelson reported that each Council Member had been requested to complete a performance evaluation for the City Manager's six-month review. Mayor Nelson stated that he has received four of the five evaluations. Mayor Nelson stated that he will compile the results as soon as he receives the final evaluation.

At the recommendation of the City Manager and the Public Works Director, a motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to award the bid for the South Main Street Paving Project to Superior Paving for the lump sum bid price of \$6,900.00. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Scanlon and seconded by Councilwoman Demarest to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Absent: Councilwoman Bureau. One (1). Motion carried.

Jenifer M. Rajala
City Clerk