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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Moraska, Alessandrini, Corombos & Farragh

Absent: Member Villa

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2012

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2012, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 27, 2012

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of September 27, 2012, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Brenda Burkett – 931 East H Street

She voiced her disapproval for the manner in which the City addresses water quality concerns. Moraska stated his objection to Burkett's allegations. Stanchina outlined the steps that are routinely taken to monitor water quality. He detailed the method by which Burkett's complaint was addressed. Jacobetti suggested that those who feel they have been impacted by poor water quality have their water tested and provide the City a copy of the results, as to allow for further investigation. Stanchina encouraged citizen feedback concerning City services.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion of Water Bond Refunding

Stanchina detailed the fiscal impact of the current water bond. He presented the potential savings for each bond refunding option. Corombos explained each refinancing option in greater detail. Rosen relayed his desire to maintain the current cash flow. Stanchina confirmed that the new water bonds would include all refunding fees.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the City Manager and Finance Committee to consult a financial advisor concerning the refunding of the water bonds.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant City Park Irrigation Supplies

Stanchina presented the request for payment.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Moraska to approve the pay request to Lofholm's Building Center in the amount of \$10,900 for irrigation supplies.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Pay Request Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant City Park Athletic Field Grading

Stanchina detailed the request for payment. Corombos noted that the amount due, per the invoice, is \$28,045, not \$34,525. It was concluded that \$28,045 was due.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the pay request from Bacco Construction in the amount of \$28,045 for athletic field grading.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant City Park Hydro Seeding

Stanchina recommended that the invoice for hydro seeding at City Park be approved in the amount of \$8,625.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Moraska to approve the pay request from G & J Silt Fencing in the amount of \$8,625 for hydro seeding.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Partial Pay Request Re: Gabridge & Company, PLC

Stanchina reported on Gabridge & Company's performance on the annual City audit. Bartolameolli estimated that the audit will be completed sooner than expected.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the partial pay request from Gabridge & Company in the amount of \$6,370.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request #1 Re: Oberstar Construction 25 Location Project

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the 25 Location Project. He conveyed that the project is progressing according to schedule and recommended that pay request #1 be approved. Stanchina and Alessandrini confirmed that adequate testing is being performed.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve pay request #1 from Oberstar Construction in the amount of \$47,259.90.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Resolutions Re: MERS

Stanchina outlined the resolutions referred to as Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Program and Defining A Day of Work Or Hours For MERS Retirement Purposes.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Corombos to approve the Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Program, B-3, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Resolution for Defining A Day of Work Or Hours For MERS Retirement Purposes, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DDA Appointment

Stanchina conveyed Kim Harder-Webb's interest in serving on the Downtown Development Authority. He noted that she is a member of the Leeds Real Estate team and lives in the City.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Moraska to appoint Kim Harder-Web to the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Narrow Banded Communication Radios

Stanchina relayed that narrow banded radios are being required by federal mandate and that funds have been allocated for their procurement. He highlighted the requested equipment.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the solicitation of bids for narrow banded communication radios.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported that illegal dumping is taking place at the City brush pile. He suggested installing a surveillance system.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the success of the deer management program.

Stanchina stated that the local and small urban paving is nearly complete.

Stanchina agreed that the Rotary Club should be recognized for their efforts to improve the East Side Park.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Alessandrini informed the Council that the RFP Review committee has met with an interested developer concerning the Khoury Property.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Jacobetti noted that he has received positive feedback regarding the Council's consolidation efforts. Rosen reported on the Consolidation Committee's progress.

Farragh supported the City Managers inclination to research the installation of a surveillance system at the DPW building.

Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into executive session at 7:49 p.m.

Farragh	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Corombos	Aye
Rosen	Aye
Jacobetti	Aye
Moraska	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer