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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: Council Member Farragh

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to excuse Member Farragh's absence.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Appointment to the Down Town Development Authority Re: Lisa Villringer" be added as item number four under New Business.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2013

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2013, as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Discussion of Sign Ordinance

Stanchina stated that it would be optimal to repeal the current sign ordinance completely and approve the proposed sign ordinance in its place, rather than attempting to meld the current and proposed ordinances together. Rosen and Alessandrini voiced their disapproval for limiting the proposed size of a projecting sign to 42 inches. Stanchina relayed that he would confirm the rationale behind the 42 inch limit.

No Action Taken

New Business

Approval of Natural Gas Contract Terms

Stanchina requested that he be permitted to enter into a contract with a natural gas provider, prior to City Council approval, in order to secure a beneficial rate for the City. Jacobetti conveyed the opinion that the price of natural gas is highly volatile and that locking in a price may not be ideal.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to allow the City Manager or his designee to secure the best price possible for natural gas in an amount not to exceed \$.459 per CCF.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Mid-Year Budget Amendment

Stanchina and Bartolameolli detailed the Mid-Year Budget Amendment, as prepared. Alessandrini suggested the idea that it may be ideal to contribute a portion of the decreased retiree health insurance contributions into the Health Insurance Fund. Stanchina explained the administrations current efforts to contribute funds toward the Health Insurance Fund.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendment, as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Establish a Public Hearing Date Re: Purchase of a Squad Car via Rural Development

Stanchina indicated that all the necessary squad car accessories will have to be purchased as the Ford Crown Victoria is no longer available.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Moraska to establish a public hearing on February 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. regarding the purchase of a squad car via Rural Development grant.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appointment to the Down Town Development Authority Re: Lisa Villringer

Stanchina outlined Lisa Villringer's qualifications to serve on the Down Town Development Authority board and recommended her appointment.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to appoint Lisa Villringer to the Down Town Development Authority board for a term to expire April 4, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Quarterly Revenue & Expenditure Report Ending December 31, 2012

Stanchina noted that the City saved a significant amount on electrical charges by purchasing LED lights for the City Christmas tree.

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the City's compliance with the State of Michigan's Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

Stanchina communicated that he would be presenting a list of surplus equipment to be auctioned at the next meeting.

Bartolameolli detailed the current status of the Major and Local Street Funds.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina relayed the results of the most recent Consolidated Services Committee meeting.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Jacobetti requested clarification on the outcome of the Request for Proposal process review.

Corombos supported the idea of Jacobetti training the City employees to perform pavement tests.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer