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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Moraska, Alessandrini & Villa

Absent: Council Members Corombos & Farragh

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli

Mayor Rosen excused Corombos's absence due to illness.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Discussion and Approval of Operations and Management Committee" be added as item number seven under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2013

It was moved by Villa and supported by Jacobetti to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2013, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Alley Vacation Request Re: Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Rosen opened the public hearing.

Carl Landwehr-Mount Olive Lutheran Church Representative

Landwehr offered the solution that the church would install a gate that would block the vacated alley area during the summer and remain open in the winter to allow appropriate snow removal. Alessandrini stressed the importance of leaving adequate space for snow removal and adjoining property owner access. Moraska voiced his disapproval for the proposed vacation. The placement of a fence along the east end of the parking lot was discussed.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Purchase of a Squad Car via Rural Development

Rosen opened the public hearing.

Stanchina presented the grant proposal for a new squad car via Rural Development.

No commentary was received.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

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Old Business

Approval of Alley Vacation Request Re: Mount Olive Lutheran Church

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve Mount Olive's vacation request, as prepared.

Villa Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Rosen Aye
Jacobetti Aye
Moraska Nay

Motion Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2013 Dodge Charger Police Package

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Moraska to accept the low bid from Bill Snethkamp for the purchase of a 2013 Dodge Charger Police Package.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Introduce and Establish a Public Hearing Re: Sign Ordinance

Stanchina reviewed the final version of the proposed sign ordinance. He expressed the opinion that the sign ordinance, as presented, would increase flexibility.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to set a public hearing for the adoption of the proposed Sign Ordinance on March 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Contribution Toward Flowers Re: Northwoods Garden Club

Stanchina recommended the approval of the Northwoods Garden Club donation in the amount of \$500.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve a \$500 donation to the Northwoods Garden Club, contingent upon the City's donation being spent at a business located in Iron Mountain.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Conduct a Surplus Equipment Auction

Stanchina outlined the list of items slated to be included in the surplus equipment auction.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Jacobetti to authorize management to solicit bids for the sale of surplus equipment.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Re: Plow Truck Salt/Sander Box

Stanchina explained the need to purchase a salt/sander box due to equipment failure. He indicated that a new stainless steel box cost approximately \$14,000 and that a used box is available at a cost of \$6,500.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Jacobetti to allow the City Manager a one-time authority to purchase a salt/sander box in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Proposals Re: Water System Study

Stanchina imparted that a water system study must be performed every ten years. He highlighted the bidding process and system analysis that a water system study would entail.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the City Manager to solicit proposals for a water system study.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish a Public Hearing for Alley Vacation Request Re: IM Public Schools

Stanchina presented the Iron Mountain Public Schools request to vacate the alley located in Block 7 of Kimberly's First Addition.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to establish a public hearing for the Iron Mountain Public School's vacation request on March 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Discussion and Approval of Operations and Management Committee

Rosen voiced the opinion that the Operations and Management Committee should be re-established and that Moraska, Corombos and himself be appointed as committee members.

Mayor Rosen appointed Moraska, Corombos and himself to serve on the Operations and Management Committee.

Reports

Financial Reports

January Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$274,531.88 and Claims in the amount of \$604,192.78, with net claims being \$307,738.03.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina announced that the bill board located on the City's property at 1010 N. Stephenson Ave. is slated for removal.

Stanchina encouraged the City Council to attend the upcoming American Legion event.

Stanchina informed the City Council of events that will potentially take place at City recreation facilities.

Stanchina updated the Council on the level of employer contribution to the Police and Fire Pension Fund for the coming year.

Rosen noted an upcoming event at the Caring House and encourage available City Council members to attend.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Villa outlined the tentative plans for the annual City Park fundraiser.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Moraska and Villa stated that the condition of the Police Department's way finding signage should be reviewed.

Alessandrini responded to the letter in the Daily News regarding the Iron Mountain Fire Department's hazmat survey policy.

Alessandrini relayed that a portion of the highway is delaminating. Stanchina confirmed that he is currently addressing this situation.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer