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

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: Council Member Jacobetti

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina asked that "Approval of Grant Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant" and "Approval of DDA Millage Renewal" be added as items number nine and ten, respectively, under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 8, 2013

Stanchina clarified the outcome of the sandwich board regulation discussion.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2013, as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Budget Workshop of April 9, 2013

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2013, as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2013, as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Mike Nicometo – 427 S. Stephenson Avenue

He reported on the status of the Downtown Development Authority's upcoming beautification program. Nicometo conveyed his support for the continuation of the Downtown Development Authority millage.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: City Park Restroom

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Restroom

Zawada Construction –Niagara, WI \$57,750

Lefebre Holdings – Iron Mountain, MI \$46,235

Trails, Roads and Pond

Bacco Construction-Iron Mountain, MI \$221,560

Referred to Staff for Review

New Business

Approval of a Contribution for Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

Stanchina recommended that a contribution of \$3,500 be made toward the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil at Lake Antoine. He discouraged the requested donation of \$5,000 by the Lake Antoine Association due to budget constraints.

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It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve a contribution in the amount of \$3,500 to the Lake Antoine Association for the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of One Day Liquor License Re: Bishop Baraga Heritage Festival

Stanchina presented a request for a one day liquor license by the Bishop Baraga Catholic School on May 25, 2013.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve a request for a one day liquor license by the Bishop Baraga Catholic School on May 25, 2013, contingent upon the City being named as an insured interest on the liquor license insurance.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Noise Ordinance Waiver Re: Relay for Life

Stanchina outlined the request by Relay for Life to waive the noise ordinance on June 7th & 8th.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve a noise ordinance waiver for Relay for Life on June 7th and 8th.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Consultant Re: Water System Study

Stanchina communicated the opinion that Coleman Engineering should be chosen over G.E.I. Consultants due to Coleman's fresh perspective.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to award the Water System Study to Coleman Engineering at a cost of \$13,988.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Estimate #3 Re: Oberstar Inc.

Stanchina relayed that Oberstar be paid \$28,770.95 for the 25 Location Project and that \$6,500 be held until restoration activities are complete. The Council concluded that Oberstar be paid \$25,000 for the 25 Location Project and that \$10,270.95 be held until restoration activities are complete.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Memorial Day Parade Route

Stanchina raised the request by the Office of Veteran's Affairs to close US 2 for their annual Memorial Day Parade.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the closure of US 2 on May 27, 2013, for the annual Memorial Day Parade, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Cost Sharing Agreement with MDOT Re: US2 and H Street

Stanchina detailed the proposed intersection improvements at H Street and US 2 and the impact the improvements will have on the current cost sharing agreement for that intersection. He estimated that the annual electric cost for this intersection will be \$312.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the cost sharing agreement with MDOT regarding the intersection of US2 and H Street, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Re: Debbie Gursky

Stanchina noted that Debbie Gursky would be filling the recent vacancy created by Linnea Marchetti's resignation.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to appoint Debbie Gursky to the DDA for a term to expire on April 4, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Grant Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant

Stanchina explained that the completion date of the MDNR Trust Fund Grant may not be extended for longer than 6 months at one time. He offered the idea that additional extensions may be requested as long as forward process occurs.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve an amendment to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Project Agreement to include a completion date of November 1, 2013.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of DDA Millage Renewal

Stanchina informed the City Council that the Downtown Development Authority millage needs to be renewed if a DDA levy is to be collected in the upcoming tax season. Rosen voiced his support for the DDA's efforts. Alessandrini imparted the idea of increasing the millage to 1.75 mills. It was concluded that a 1.5 mill levy would be optimal.

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It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the renewal of the DDA millage at a rate of 1.5 mills for a period of three years.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report

Stanchina clarified the high level of Police Department overtime and increased maintenance costs for rail road crossings.

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported that the City of Norway has been added to the pool of agencies and jurisdictions that share in the biennially awarded Small Urban funds in the amount of \$375,000, resulting in a per capita decrease.

Stanchina conveyed that the City Assessor may have to attend a tax tribunal regarding an appeal by G.E. Capital. He outlined the potential ramifications of her not attending the hearing.

Stanchina announced the hours of the rubbish pickup.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the cleanup status of Cemetery Park.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Rosen offered a Consolidated Services Committee report.

The Parks and Recreation Committee decided that a meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss City Park improvement plans.

Public Comment

Katie Maxon – 1300 Grand Boulevard Circle

She thanked the City for removing snow from the sidewalks on the safe routes to school route. Maxon noted that sidewalk utilization increased as a result of the sidewalks being cleared.

Council Member Privilege

Villa asked for an update on the rental inspections.

Moraska stressed the importance of the Police Chief attending an upcoming fallen officer's ceremony in Norway. He reported on the Bishop Baraga Catholic School drop off situation and forwarded a suggestion that a drop off lane be developed in front of the school.

Stanchina urged the City Council to attend the upcoming Michigan Municipal League event in Bessemer.

Alessandrini urged concerns citizens to call City Hall when questions and concerns arise.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer