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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: Council Member Villa

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Discussion of Mille Hill Condominium Infrastructure Connectivity" be added as item number two under New Business and that item five be moved to item three under New Business, adjusting the remaining agenda items accordingly.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Corombos to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2013

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2013, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 20, 2013

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2013, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Consideration of Sidewalk Removal Re: 521 East D St.

Stanchina presented the request for sidewalk removal by Mr. Lance Bashaw of 521 East D Street.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the removal of the sidewalk on Adams Street that is adjacent to the property located at 521 East D Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Mille Hill Condominium Infrastructure Connectivity

Pirkola detailed the request by Mr. Lafave to connect the Millie Hill Condominium development to the City's water and sanitary sewer system. Pirkola stated that the City will not have any obligation to maintain the water system within the condominium development. Lafave outlined his current storm water management plan. Pirkola clarified that the proposed condominium agreement would allow the developer the option to unilaterally decide to turn the infrastructure over to the City with the City Council's approval. Jacobetti requested additional information on this topic. Rosen voiced his appreciation for the economic impact Mr. Lafave's project will create.

No Action Taken

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Authorization to Draft a Resolution Re: Support for the Southern Route Bike Path from Belle Isle to Iron Wood.

Stanchina stated that the requested resolution would urge the governor to support the development of a bike trail through the Upper Peninsula via the southern shore line, in lieu of the northern shore line. County Commissioner Barb Kramer highlighted the reduced amount of bike path construction and the favorable climate as reasons to relocate the proposed bike trails to the Southern U.P.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to draft a resolution in support of a southern route bike path from Belle Isle to Iron Wood.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement

Stanchina recommended that the Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement be approved as presented. He clarified that the City has the ability to terminate the agreement without cause, if needed.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of City Real Estate Purchase Request Re: Michael Laydon

Stanchina outlined the property purchase request by Mr. Michael Laydon to purchase City owned property located adjacent to the west of Tower Drive. Rosen conveyed the opinion that all the City's current land holdings should be reviewed.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Moraska to refer this matter for staff review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contract Renewal Re: Assessor

Stanchina presented that contract renewal between the City and Certified Assessing for assessment services. He recommended the renewal of the contract for a three year term at an annual cost of \$58,600.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a contract between the City of Iron Mountain and Certified Assessing LLC for assessing services from July 20, 2013, to July 19, 2013, at an annual cost of \$58,600.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension Re: AT&T

Stanchina detailed the request from AT&T for a Metro Act Permit extension.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve an extension of AT&T's Metro Act Permit with a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorize Solicitation of Bids Re: 2013 Paving

Stanchina reviewed the proposed 2013 paving project. He provided a map of the streets that are in the direst need of repair. Moraska supported increased paving on the west side of town.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to authorize the solicitation of Bids for the 2013 paving project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Fee Schedule Correction Re: Cemetery

Stanchina imparted that the fee for a non-resident was inadvertently decreased in the proposed fee schedule and he requested that it be approved at the previous amount of \$525.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve a non-resident cremation fee in the amount of \$525 for the 2013-14 Fee Schedule.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule

Stanchina asked that the administrative employees be granted a .25% pay increase. He informed the City Council that some administrative employees may be eligible for a pay increase through the step schedule, pending the completion of performance evaluations. Jacobetti voiced the opinion that advancement through the step schedule should be predicated on performance and not seniority.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve an increase of .25% to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Lease Renewal Re: Wisconsin Central Limited

Stanchina informed the City Council that the lease with Wisconsin Central Limited for the property to the west of Stephenson Avenue along the Chapin Pit needs to be renewed. He relayed that the lease extension would be for a term of five years at a total cost of \$375.00.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Jacobetti to approve a lease renewal with Wisconsin Central Limited for the property to the west of Stephenson Avenue along the Chapin Pit for a term of five years at a total cost of \$375.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina relayed the status of an ORV Trail extension through the City of Iron Mountain.

Pirkola reported on the pre-trial conference for the Days Inn tax tribunal case. He proceeded to further detail the tax tribunal process.

Stanchina communicated that the updating of the City Park exit will begin once the area is prepped by volunteer labor. He noted that the pond will most likely be updated first due to accessibility.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina conveyed that the Infrastructure Committee is discussing the purchase of a vector truck.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Moraska highlighted the importance of increasing blight enforcement throughout the City, particularly abandoned buildings. Corombos supported Moraska's assertion. Stanchina communicated his concern that the City may have to pay demolition costs if a property is condemned.

Jacobetti noted that Woodward Avenue is in need of increased maintenance.

Pirkola clarified that the term for a City Council Member will begin immediately preceding the 2013 General Election.

Adjournment

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer