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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2013

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2013, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Sign Ordinance

Stanchina presented the proposed sign ordinance for consideration and noted that amendments can be offered in the future if the need arises. Alessandrini voiced his objection to the sign ordinance, as submitted.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Transfer of Property Re: Portion of Vacated Woodward Ave.

Stanchina detailed the property transfer request by Eagle Tool. He clarified that Eagle tool will be financially responsible for all fees associated with the property transfer and that a utility easement will be maintained.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Adoption of Sign Ordinance

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to adopt the sign ordinance, as submitted.

Farragh Aye

Villa Aye

Alessandrini Nay

Rosen Aye

Corombos Aye

Jacobetti Aye

Moraska Aye

Motion Prevailed (6-Aye, 1-Nay, 0-Abstain)

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Approval of Land Transfer Re: Eagle Tool

Stanchina imparted that a 5/7 vote is required to approve the transfer of land.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Jacobetti to approve the transfer of the vacated portion of Woodward Avenue to Eagle Tool, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: 2013 Paving

Stanchina reviewed the proposed paving schedule for 2013. He opened the following bids:

Bacco Construction Company \$223,000

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to award the 2013 street paving to Bacco Construction in an amount not to exceed \$223,000, pending staff review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of FY14 Dues Re: Northern Michigan Public Service Academy (NMPSA)

Stanchina recommended that the FY 2014 dues for NMPSA be approved.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa approve the FY 2014 dues to the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy in the amount of \$675.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association

Stanchina highlighted the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association's efforts to promote tourism and recommended that their dues request in the amount of \$300.00 be approved.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve dues in the amount of \$300.00 to the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Agreement for City Park Septic Re: Morin Excavating

Stanchina explained that a septic system would be more cost effective than gravity sewer or force main in the upcoming restroom project at City Park. He requested that Morin Excavating be approved to install a septic system at a cost of \$8,200. Kevin Trevillian, City Park Engineer, clarified that two 750 gallon tanks would be allowable as long as the existing restrooms near the athletic field are not closed.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to award the installation of a septic system for the new bathrooms in City Park to Morin Excavating for a cost of \$8,200.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Agreement for City Park Bathrooms Re: Lefebvre Holdings, LLC

Stanchina indicated that Lefebvre Holding was the low bidder on this job, primarily due to donated labor, and recommended they be awarded the City Park bathroom project in the amount of \$46,235.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to award the construction of bathrooms at City Park to Lefebvre Holdings, LLC at a cost of \$46,235.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Blaine Street Storm Sewer

Stanchina communicated that the original plans for this project are being reviewed in an attempt to complete the project at the estimated cost of \$45,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to solicit bids for the Blaine Street storm sewer.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Unpaid Leave of Absence Re: Mr. Andrew Lancour

Stanchina noted that Mr. Lancour requested a leave of absence due to an off duty injury for a period of 60 days. He relayed that Lancour plans to return to work by September 1, 2013.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve a 60 day leave of absence for Andrew Lancour.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Appointment to the Planning Commission Re: Mr. George Wiedenhoeft

Stanchina recommended that Mr. Wiedenhoeft be appointed to the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen to appoint Mr. George Wiedenhoeft to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on May 19, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Resolution of Recognition Re: Engineer Ted Valeski

Stanchina detailed Valeski's years of service to the City of Iron Mountain.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Corombos to approve Ted Valeski's Resolution of Recognition for service to the City of Iron Mountain.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

June Claims and Payroll

Stanchina stated the opinion that switching a portion of the City's electrical service from WE Energies to Integris is not optimal at this time. Stanchina conveyed that sod was purchased for lawn restoration purposes.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve Payroll in the amount of \$286,906.26 and Claims in the amount of \$756,295.40, with net claims being \$276,717.49.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina announced that the stump removal is complete at City Park and that Bacco Construction will begin trail and exit road work when they become available.

Stanchina reported the results of the informational meeting concerning the establishment of an ORV trail through Iron Mountain. He conveyed the resident's concerns of excessive noise and speed due to ORV traffic. Stanchina raised options that would allow ORV traffic on an alternate route.

Stanchina stated that a special meeting will need to be held for the approval of an agreement for the Lake Antoine road project.

Stanchina indicated that a draft of the connectivity agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and the Millie Hill Condo Association has been drafted and is slated for final review.

Stanchina presented a request by Breitung Township for the City to pave the gravel portion of Kramer Drive within the City's jurisdiction, approximately 1100', for the purpose of connecting to the portion of Kramer Drive Breitung Township will be paving this summer. He estimated that the cost of the project would be around \$47,000. Alessandrini suggested that the City reimburse the Township for the cost of paving all of Kramer Drive over several years. Moraska voiced his disapproval of that idea.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

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Council Member Privilege

Corombos raised his concerns for the level of compensation council members receive. He noted that Norway and Kingsford receive approximately \$2,100 per year. Stanchina relayed that he would have something prepared for the next meeting. Rosen suggested that council people be paid quarterly rather than on a meeting attendance basis.

Jacobetti requested that he receive a copy of the Millie Hill Condo Association agreement prior to the meeting. Moraska encouraged those who may be interested in volunteering for the Saturday in the Park event on July 27, 2013.

Alessandrini highlighted that Lake Antoine no longer has a lifeguard on duty. He communicated the opinion that a lifeguard should be on duty due to safety reasons.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer