

# *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli

## **Approval of Agenda**

Rosen requested that a Special Presentation, "Resolution of Acclaim Re: Teen Serve", be added to the agenda and that "Approval of Road Closure Re: 719 River Avenue" be added as item number one under "New Business", adjusting the following items accordingly. Lastly, Rosen requested that "Discussion of Millie Hill Condo Association Connectivity Agreement" and "Discussion of Policy Regarding the use of City Property" be added to "New Business" as items seven and eight, respectively.

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2013*

Villa noted that the roll call vote to move into executive session should be reviewed for accuracy.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the Minutes of August 5, 2013, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Special Presentation**

### **Resolution of Acclaim Re: Teen Serve**

Rosen read and presented the resolution of acclaim to a Teen Serve representative.

## **Old Business**

### **Consideration of City Owned Land Purchase Request**

Stanchina recommended that the requested land sale by Mr. Laydon be declined at this time due to the possibility of infrastructure improvements. Stanchina confirmed that the Real estate Sales Policy does not allow this request to be tabled. Alessandrini supported continuing the land purchase process. Stanchina conveyed that selectively cutting the property in question could be beneficial for the City.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Corombos to deny the proposed land purchase request by Mr. Laydon.

Rosen	Nay
Jacobetti	Nay
Moraska	Aye
Alessandrini	Nay
Corombos	Aye
Villa	Aye
Farragh	Aye

**Motion Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-3, Abstain-0)**

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### **New Business**

#### **Approval of Road Closure Re: 719 River Avenue**

Stanchina presented the request by Integrated Response to close the portion of River Avenue adjacent to their facility on August 24, 2013, between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 P.M. Andy Hay, Integrated Response representative, relayed that the closure is being requested due to safety concerns during their grand opening.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed road closure, as requested, pending verification of liability insurance and the utilization of appropriate barricades.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval of Appointment to the DDA Re: Ms. Megan Gelazus**

Rosen imparted his support for Ms. Gelazus's appointment to the Downtown Development Authority.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Jacobetti to appoint Ms. Megan Gelazus to the D.D.A. for a term to expire on April 4, 2015.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program**

Stanchina detailed the resolution and guidelines for the Deer Management Program. He communicated that several items have been adjusted, including reducing the minimum private property land size to five acres, permits will be required to be used within two weeks of issuance and harvested deer must be presented to the Police Department for verification. Stanchina outlined the permissible deer culling periods.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Resolution and Guidelines for the Deer Management Program for 2013, including the changes as discussed.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Corombos exited at 7:09 P.M.*

#### **Amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual Re: Vacation Leave**

Stanchina expressed the opinion that allowing senior employees to bank a portion of their vacation time could save the City on the cost of retiree health insurance. He stated that the increase in pension expense, due to increased Final Average Compensation, would be offset by a decrease in retiree health insurance expense, given retirement is deferred. Stanchina clarified that the policy amendment would only affect Schedule 1 employees.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual concerning vacation leave.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 10 Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner and Vacuum Manhole Cleaner Mounted on a Heavy Duty Truck Chassis**

Stanchina noted that approximately \$380,000 has been saved for the purchase of a new sewer truck. He conveyed that the current Vactor truck has an approximate trade in value of \$20,000. Stanchina relayed the importance of purchasing a new sewer truck at this time due to the expectation that emissions regulations will soon be tightening, causing a significant increase in the purchase price.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the solicitation of bids for a 10 Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner and Vacuum Manhole Cleaner Mounted on a Heavy Duty Truck Chassis.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval of Charter Amendment Ballot Proposal Re: Council Member Compensation**

Stanchina detailed the ballot language concerning an increase in council member compensation. He relayed that language indicating a start date of January 1, 2014, should be added prior to submission to the Attorney General.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Rosen to approve the Resolution to Amend Chapter IV, Section 4.10 of the Charter of the City of Iron Mountain, as submitted.

Rosen	Aye
Jacobetti	Aye
Moraska	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Corombos	Aye
Villa	Aye
Farragh	Nay

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

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**Discussion of Millie Hill Condo Association Connectivity Agreement**

Rosen imparted that Mr. Lafave is agreeable to the current connectivity agreement, including the clause that states the City will never take over the utilities. Moraska requested that the City Attorney review section five concerning the City being indemnified against any liability or responsibility for the water and sewer utilities within the Millie Hill Condo Association. Rosen expressed his disapproval for the manner in which the State of Michigan handled the approval of this project.

**No Action Taken**

**Discussion of Policy Regarding the use of City Property**

Moraska communicated the opinion that organizations which have been granted the free use of City property should be held responsible for the maintenance of the property they are utilizing.

**No Action Taken**

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**July Claims and Payroll**

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to approve Payroll in the amount of \$299,429.03 and Claims in the amount of \$996,211.52 with net claims being \$387,152.43.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**City Manager Reports**

Stanchina reported that the repaving of the Lake Antoine Road has been tentatively awarded to Payne & Dolan. He informed the City Council that the current asphalt will be crushed beginning September 30, 2013 and that paving will begin October 3, 2013. Stanchina explained that the first layer of pavement will be applied on the entire road within one week and the second layer being applied immediately, weather permitting.

Stanchina updated the Council on the status of the City Park Improvement Project.

Stanchina stated that MDOT will be resurfacing portions of the curb lane of US2 between the 200 and 600 Block of North Stephenson Avenue. Stanchina conveyed that the local paving has been completed, with the exception of the portion of Blaine Street that will be receiving upgraded storm sewer. Moraska stressed the importance of addressing settled manholes.

**City Attorney Reports**

Stanchina reported that the Tax Tribunal will be convening the Days Inn hearing tomorrow.

**Committee Reports**

Villa communicated that several members of the Mountain View Ice Arena Board would like to alter the current lease agreement with the City.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Farragh suggested that the condition of the Salt Shed at the D.P.W. be reviewed.

Villa announced that the Saturday in the Park event raised \$13,000.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer