

City of Iron Mountain

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:33 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 & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Authorization to Purchase Re: Loader Tires" be added as item number three 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 Regular Meeting of August 19, 2013

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2013, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Sign Ordinance

Stanchina noted that the public hearing is in regards to the rescission of the previous sign ordinance from Chapter 74 of the City Code of Ordinances.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Approval to Rescind an Ordinance Re: Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Article VII, Signs

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to rescind the sign ordinance located in the City Code of Ordinances under Chapter 74, Article VII, Signs.

Rosen Aye

Jacobetti Aye

Moraska Aye

Alessandrini Nay

Corombos Aye

Villa Aye

Farragh Aye

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

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Bid Opening Re: 10 Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner and Vacuum Manhole Cleaner Mounted on a Heavy Duty Truck Chassis.

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Jack Doheny Companies - Northville, MI

Purchase Price w/o Trade In \$374,646.75

Purchase Price w/ Trade In \$355,146.75

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Millie Hill Condominium Association Water and Sewer Utility Connection Agreement

Stanchina reviewed the changes that were made to the agreement since it was last presented. Pirkola confirmed that language concerning road way ownership would be addressed within the Millie Hill Condo Association's documentation. Jacobetti expressed his concern for the City becoming responsible for the utilities under the roadway in the event the roads within the association are accepted as public right-of-way. Pirkola communicated that he is confident the proposed agreement will protect the City's interest. Rosen relayed the opinion that the current contract adequately indemnifies the City from future liability.

Joe Lafave, Millie Hill Developer, indicated that he is in negotiations with private property owners for utility easements, allowing the Millie Hill Condo Association to connect to the City system at Grant Street. Stanchina explained that private utility easements may not be granted on public property, meaning all utilities within City right-of-way must be operated by the City.

Jacobetti asserted the opinion that the City will be asked to assume responsibility for the road system within the Association at some point. Stanchina and Rosen supported the connectivity agreement. Rosen and Pirkola reiterated their support of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed "Agreement to Permit Connection of Private Sewer and Water Distribution Lines to the City of Iron Mountain's Sewer and Water Mains" between the City of Iron Mountain and the Millie Hill Condo Association, pending clerical adjustments by the City Attorney.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Update of City Park MDNR Trust Fund Grant

Kevin Trevillian, City Park Improvement Project Engineer, updated the City Council on the progress of the City Park Improvement Project. He indicated that paving, relocation of the deer pen's fence and the planting of grass seed has been completed and that the restroom construction and pond improvements are underway. He imparted that the completion of the frisbee golf course and skate board park portion of the project will be addressed in the near future. Stanchina raised the issue of resigning the roadways within the park. Trevillian reported that the improvement project appears to be on budget. He confirmed that the plugged French drain at City Park is being addressed by the Department of Public Works.

Discussion of Deer Management Guidelines

Stanchina offered the suggestion that private property owners whom possess less than five acres and desire to participate in the City's deer management program be allowed to request an exception from the minimum lot size requirement. He proceeded to explain that each request would be considered on its individual merits and that the exception could be revoked if proven to be problematic. Moraska expressed the opinion that it would be preferable to have the exceptions reviewed by an experienced hunter.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to amend the Deer Management Guidelines to authorize the City Manager to approve exceptions to the minimum acreage requirement for participation in the City Deer Management Program on private property, pending City Council review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Authorization to Purchase Re: Loader Tires

Stanchina presented a purchase request for two Michelin Heavy Equipment Tires for the front end loader. He communicated that the cost of each tire is \$3,800 and that Pomp's Tire Service is the only local distributor. He noted that all four tires must have the same tread pattern for the proper operation of the equipment and that the remaining two tires on the front end loader are Michelin Heavy Equipment tires. Farragh stated that the Michelin tread pattern significantly improves the performance of the front end loader.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the purchase of two Michelin Heavy Equipment tires from Pomp's Tire Service at a cost of \$8,224.50.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the U.S. 2 paving project.

Stanchina relayed that Blaine Street will be paved once the storm sewer project is complete.

Stanchina stated that the Lake Antoine Road will be closed for ten days; once the peat moss removal is complete the road will be opened and flag crews will be utilized.

Alessandrini noted several incomplete drive way restorations adjacent to the recent City paving project.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola outlined the areas of the Millie Hill Condo Association Agreement that will indemnify the City from accepting the future liability for service lines that were not built to City specifications.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Corombos presented a map of Iron Mountain and Kingsford from 1926 to the City Council. He addressed the lack of blight regulations within the Code of Ordinances.

Stanchina indicated that the placement of a property available for sale sign is in the process of being placed on the old Khoury Property.

Executive Session Re: Tax Tribunal and Property Acquisition

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into executive session at 7:43 p.m.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye- 7, Nay -0, Abstain-0)

Executive Session Ended at 7:56 p.m.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I".

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer