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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 21, 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: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Approval of Street Designation Re: Ted Corombos Drive" be added as item number ten, adjusting the following items accordingly.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2013

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2013, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Discussion of Vicious Dog Ordinance

Pirkola communicated that the City could augment the definition of what a vicious dog entails to mirror the language in the State of Michigan law. He noted that the amended definition could allow greater flexibility when enforcing the ordinance, as each case could be evaluated on its own merits. Moraska supported adopting language that would allow the judge complete discretion. Pirkola explained the concept of unintentional trespass. He clarified that a vicious attack can be physical or emotional in nature. Jacobetti and Rosen supported the current Vicious Dog Ordinance. Villa, Moraska, Farragh and Alessandrini voiced the need to amend the current ordinance. The Council concluded that the City Attorney would draft language to amend the definition of a vicious dog.

No Action Taken

Approval of Appraisal Agreement with Swanson, Mercier & Associates, Inc. Re: Wells Fargo

Stanchina conveyed that a clause allowing up to \$175.00 for meals and lodging in the event the appraiser must attend the tax tribunal was included in the amended agreement. He relayed that the charge was customary and recommended that the agreement be approved.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the appraisal agreement with Swanson, Mercier & Associates, Inc., as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Plow Truck

Stanchina indicated that the City is slated to replace a plow truck and that \$140,000 is available for the purchase. He recommended that a new four wheel drive plow truck be purchased rather than two wheel drive due to increased utility. Stanchina suggested that several stainless steel dump body options be included in the bid.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to authorize the solicitation of bids for a four wheel drive dump/plow truck.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Re: David Santi

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen to approve David Santi to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 20, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Civil Service Commission Appointment Re: Mr. James Horvath

Jacobetti asserted his support for Mr. Horvath's Appointment.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve Mr. James Horvath to the City Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on November 17, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of OSF Homecare and Hospice Re: Hospice Care Remembrance at City Hall

Stanchina detailed a request from OSF Homecare and Hospice to hold a remembrance service at City Hall.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve OSF Homecare and Hospice to hold a remembrance service at City hall on November 1, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Support Request Re: CUPPAD

Stanchina outlined a request from the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission for a letter of support regarding the submission of a grant application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the letter of support request from CUPPAD concerning the submission of a grant application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

September Claims and Payroll

Stanchina conveyed that the Police Department's overtime is increased due to two vacant positions.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$272,142.58 and Claims in the amount of \$853,790.62 with net claims being \$540,905.39.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported that the deer culling program has resulted in 16 deer being harvested.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the Pine Mountain Road closure.

Stanchina relayed that stump grinding had been completed and that the DPW will be filling the holes with top soil and spreading grass seed.

Jacobetti voiced the opinion that it would be best to urge Dickinson County to open the Lake Antoine Road to Truck Traffic once the road freezes over.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Rosen to direct the City Manager to send a letter to Dickinson County requesting the lake Antoine Road not be closed once it is frozen.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Stanchina stated that he will be contacting a professional surveyor concerning the partnership building property.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Villa indicated that the Mountain View Ice Arena lease needs to be renewed.

Alessandrini communicated that the Builders Exchange voted to reduce staffing and discontinue free municipal permits in an effort to improve their financial position.

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Stanchina imparted that the Infrastructure Committee needs to meet and discuss equipment replacement needs.

Rosen reported that the Operations and Management Committee had met to discuss the Vicious Dog Ordinance and that Ms. Diane Luczak of the Almost Home Animal Shelter was present.

Public Comment

Kyle Lindstrom – Vice President of the Menominee Range Ski Club and Dickinson County Bike Path Committee
He expressed his appreciation for the improvement efforts at City Park. Lindstrom stated that large quantities of lawn debris from nearby homes have been deposited on the ski trails and that the debris is inhibiting the function of the trails. He requested that the dumping of leaves on the cross country ski trail be curtailed.

Council Member Privilege

Farragh addressed the need for repairs on the salt shed, adjacent to the composting site. He imparted the need for security cameras at City Park.

Approval of Street Designation Re: Ted Corombos Drive

Rosen recommended that Columbus Drive be renamed Ted Corombos Drive in honor of Mr. Corombos's dedication to the City of Iron Mountain.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini that Columbus Drive be renamed Ted Corombos Drive.

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

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

Recognition of Service Re: Council Member Corombos

Rosen read Corombos's Resolution of Recognition into the record. He commended Corombos on his involvement in the establishment of the Tax Incremental Finance Authority.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer