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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members List, Moraska, Alessandrini, Revord, Villa & Farragh

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

Nominations/Election of Mayor

City Manager Stanchina asked for nominations for the position of Mayor. Member Alessandrini nominated Member Rosen for Mayor.

City Manager Stanchina closed nominations.

City Manager Stanchina called for a vote for the nomination of Member Rosen as Mayor.

Nomination Carried

Nomination/Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Rosen asked for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. Rosen nominated Member Alessandrini for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Rosen closed nominations.

Mayor Rosen called for a vote for the nomination of Member Alessandrini as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Rosen Aye

List Aye

Moraska Nay

Alessandrini Aye

Revord Aye

Villa Aye

Farragh Aye

Nomination Carried (Aye-6, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Rosen welcomed Council Members List and Revord.

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report" be added as item number two under Financial Reports.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2013

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2013, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Ordinance Amendment Re: Chapter VI, Animals, Section V, Regulation of Vicious Dogs

Stanchina detailed the proposed changes to the ordinance.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

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No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing

Lease Agreement Re: Mountain View Ice Arena

Stanchina relayed that the proposed Mountain View Ice Arena lease contains language that is identical to the previous lease. Rosen opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing

Old Business

Approval of Ordinance Amendment Re: Chapter VI, Animals, Section V, Regulation of Vicious Dogs

Pirkola clarified the authority a Dog Officer possesses and how serious injury is determined.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the amendment to the Vicious Dog Ordinance, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Lease Agreement Re: Mountain View Ice Arena

Stanchina noted that the reimbursement of advertising fees has been waived for the Mountain View Ice Arena lease in the past.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Mountain View Ice Arena lease, as submitted, and to waive all advertising fees.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: Plow Truck

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	w/o Trade	w/Trade
Green Bay Truck Sales & Service	198,733	192,733
Wisconsin Kenworth (Monroe Option)	167,852	165,852
Wisconsin Kenworth (Caspers Option)	175,747	173,747
Schultz Equipment (Olson Option)	156,959	151,459
Schultz Equipment (Monroe Option)	157,589	152,089

Referred to Staff for Review

200 Block of East Hughitt Parking Discussion

Stanchina communicated that allowing angle parking on the south side of Hughitt Street would reduce the width of the traffic lane and prohibit deliveries on Hughitt Street.

Debbie Gursky – 215 East Hughitt Street

She indicated the need for additional parking spaces on Hughitt Street. Gursky conveyed that deliveries can be made through the rear parking lot.

Liz Douglas – 209 East Hughitt Street

She voiced her support for additional parking spaces angle parking would create.

Jonathan Ringel – Main Street Manager

He presented a list of businesses that are in support of changing the parking of Hughitt Street. Ringel stressed the importance of increasing parking.

Rosen addressed the possibility of deliveries to Blackstone Pizza blocking the access to Anderson Tackman & Company's parking lot if deliveries may not be taken on Hughitt Street. Ringel noted that the rear parking lot was designed to allow businesses the ability to receive deliveries in the rear of their building.

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Moraska supported the Police Chief's recommendations. *Stanchina clarified that the Police Chief did not make a recommendation.* Alessandrini offered his support for angle parking on Hughitt Street.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to retain parallel parking on the south side of Hughitt Street.

Alessandrini stressed the opinion that Blackstone Pizza should be required to utilize their rear entrance, as they advocated for the adjacent City parking lot to be designed around their ability to receive deliveries at their loading dock. List expressed the opinion that angle parking could impede traffic by narrowing the traffic lane.

Gursky relayed that the practice of taking deliveries on Hughitt Street can create dangerous situations when motorists pass and patrons attempt to exit their parking spot adjacent to parked delivery trucks.

Devona – 1011 West Fleshiem Street

She communicated the belief that angle parking would improve traffic flow and benefit the surrounding businesses.

Moraska and List amended the previously stated motion from "to retain parallel parking on the south side of Hughitt Street" to "that the matter of allowing angle parking will be tabled".

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Deadline Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant City Park

Stanchina explained that a 6 month deadline extension is required for the City Park Improvement Project.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to request a 6 month extension on the MDNR Trust Fund Grant for City Park.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Downtown Christmas Walk

Stanchina detailed the closure request for the Downtown Christmas Walk.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the closure of the City parking lot adjacent to the downtown performance stage on December 14, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina outlined the General Fund Reserves Report.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the General Fund Reserves, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Council Committees

The following committee appointments were proposed.

Parks and Recreation

Villa
Moraska
Farragh

Streets, Utilities
& Equipment

Farragh
Alessandrini
Revord

Finance

Farragh
Villa
Moraska

Labor Relations

List
Moraska
Rosen

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Consolidated Services	Alessandrini Rosen Revord
Operations and Management Committee	Rosen Moraska List
Solid Waste Authority	Farragh
Economic Development Alliance	Vacant/Non-member
Dickinson County Code Construction Commission	Alessandrini
Access Management	List
Mountain View Board Liaison	Villa
Planning Commission Liaison	Moraska
DDA Liaison	Alessandrini

Approval of Annual Investment Report

Stanchina presented the Annual Investment Report.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Annual Investment Report.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

October Claims and Payroll

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

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$263,389.13 and Claims in the amount of \$1,315,666.65 with net claims being \$692,814.91.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report

Bartolameolli reviewed the Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report. Stanchina confirmed that the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year resulted in expenditures exceeding revenue by \$42,693.00. Bartolameolli indicated that the City will be experiencing an increase of 2.13% in healthcare costs due to the taxation of healthcare. Stanchina addressed the projected increases in health insurance premiums for the coming fiscal year.

City Manager Reports

Stanchina outlined the State of Michigan's SAW Grant program. He conveyed the importance of utilizing this grant for the City's sewer system.

Stanchina reported that 27 deer have been harvested through the City's Deer Management Assistance Program.

Stanchina announced that the City will be paving Margaret Street from the City limits to Grant Street, Park Avenue between A and D Streets and the Hydraulic Falls Road from the City limits to the rail road tracks through the Small Urban Program; construction will take place next summer.

Stanchina clarified that \$150,000 has been reserved for the purchase of a dump/plow truck.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Villa indicated that the Mountain View Ice Arena Board has been reorganizing positions and researching additional revenue sources.

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Public Comment

Diane Luczak – N3850 Pine Mountain Road

Pirkola confirmed that the ordinance addresses who has the authority to serve as a dog officer. He explained the process by which a dog is determined vicious.

Emily Ritsema – W7505 Sportsman Club Road

Ritsema expressed her reservations for an untrained police officer being able to determine a dog vicious.

Scott Ritsema – W7505 Sportsman Club Road

Ritsema objected to having police officers determine if a dog is vicious.

Council Member Privilege

Farragh, Villa, Alessandrini, Moraska & Rosen welcomed the new City Council members.

Moraska reminded the public to walk on the walking trails in City Park and not on the groomed cross country ski trails.

Executive Session Re: Tax Tribunal Strategy

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to move into executive session at 7:57 p.m.

Rosen	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Villa	Aye
List	Aye
Moraska	Aye
Farragh	Aye

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

Executive Session ended at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer