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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

Rosen welcomed Zolner to the City Council.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2013

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2013, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 23, 2013

Moraska noted that the motion to elect Mr. Zolner to the City Council requires correction.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of December 23, 2013, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard

She requested clarification as to the procedure of appointing a replacement council member. Feleppa reiterated the opinion that the City should commit to increased financial support of the Main Street Program.

Old Business

Opening of Proposals Re: 2014 Small Urban Program

Stanchina detailed the streets to be paved by the 2014 Small Urban Paving Program. He estimated that the City's share of the project costs would be \$43,680. Stanchina opened the following bids:

Coleman Engineering–Iron Mountain, MI	\$17,612
OHM-Hancock, MI	\$30,000
GEI Consultants –Iron Mountain, MI	\$21,076
UP Engineers & Architects–Iron Mountain, MI	\$15,730

Referred to Staff for Review

New Business

Committee Appointments

Zolner agreed to serve on the Park and Recreation Committee, Finance Committee and the Solid Waste Authority. List confirmed that she would serve on the Streets, Utilities and Equipment Committee.

No Action Taken

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Authorization to Solicit Proposals Re: Actuarial Analysis of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Stanchina stated that the City is required to have an actuarial analysis performed of its Other Post-Employment Benefits. He relayed that the cost of retiree health insurance has been a significant concern in the past. He explained the efforts that have been made to reduce the long-term liability due to retiree health insurance.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the actuarial analysis of Other Post-Employment Benefits.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit 2-Year Audit Proposals

Stanchina imparted that the City is required, by City Charter, to bid audit services at least every two years. He conveyed that the City is not required to retain an auditing firm for longer than one year under the current request for proposal.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to authorize the City Manager to solicit two-year audit proposals.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Stanchina reported that the Solid Waste Authority has determined that the solid waste disposal fee had to be increased from \$66 per ton to \$71 as of January 1, 2014, due to their increased costs. He communicated that CFO Bartolameolli is monitoring to see if the City can absorb the increase. Stanchina indicated that the City is paying a fuel surcharge.

YMCA

Stanchina updated the City Council on the YMCA's expansion plans.

Deer Management Program

Stanchina imparted that 35 deer were culled through the 2013 Deer Management Program. He conveyed that nine were harvested with Crop Damage Permits and 26 with Deer Management Assistance Permits.

Stanchina detailed the process of getting a precious gem license.

Alessandrini supported purchasing a frost buster due to increased rental fees. He requested that the City Manager be authorized to purchase a frost breaker in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Alessandrini confirmed that the City's current backhoe could accommodate a frost breaker. Stanchina stated that funds would be available in the Equipment Replacement Fund. The City Council discussed approaching the City of Kingsford regarding the rental of the proposed frost buster. It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the City Manager to purchase a frost breaker in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Villa relayed that the Friends of City Park need to know the current level of matching funds that have been paid for the City Park Improvement Project so that expenditures can be planned.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola imparted that the Court of Appeals Brief has been filed concerning the recent State Tax Commission decision and that he is awaiting a response. Stanchina reported that tax tribunal concerns are being reviewed by the Michigan Municipal League and members of the Michigan Legislature.

Stanchina indicated that he has not had any further contact concerning contracting police services with Dickinson County. He noted that he would follow up on this matter.

Committee Reports

None

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Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Moraska communicated the opinion that the City Council minutes should be more reflective of meeting content and contain less clerical errors. Stanchina explained the traditional procedure for taking minutes.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer