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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:30 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 & Mouw & Ceello Intern Tony Cavalieri

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2014

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Brian Smeester – 380 Cass Street, Kingsford, MI 49802

He thanked Rosen and Alessandrini for their efforts toward creating a joint authority with Kingsford to address public safety. Smeester expressed his disapproval of Kingsford's decision to not partner with the City of Iron Mountain.

Special Presentation

Resolution of Recognition Re: Civil Service Commission Member Gammey

Rosen read Bill Gammey's Resolution of Recognition into the record and commended Gammey for his commitment to the City of Iron Mountain.

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval of Consultant Re: 2014 Small Urban Program

Stanchina, in conjunction with a recommendation by the Infrastructure Committee, requested that U.P. Engineers & Architects (UPEA) be selected as the City's consultant for the 2014 Small Urban Project at a cost of \$16,930. He asked that a bid irregularity be waived for UPEA due to their total project cost being calculated improperly. Stanchina noted that UPEA was the lowest responsible bidder.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve U.P. Engineers & Architects (UPEA) as the consultant for the 2014 Small Urban Project at a cost of \$16,930, waiving the bid total irregularity for UPEA.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Assignment Agreement Re: Bethesda Christian Broadcasting

Stanchina detailed the request by Bethesda Christian Broadcasting to approve an Assignment Agreement for their current tower lease to Education Media Foundation. He recommended that the request be granted.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Assignment Agreement from Bethesda Christian Broadcasting to Education Media Foundation, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Service Agreement Amendment Re: PJ Kortens

Stanchina imparted that PJ Kortens is requesting an increase in their monthly monitoring fee for telemetry services on the City's water and sewer systems from \$440 to \$485.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to authorize the proposed amendment to the maintenance agreement with PJ Kortens for monthly monitoring of telemetry equipment from \$440 to \$485.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

December Claims and Payroll

Moraska communicated that the Claims and Payroll were satisfactory.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$353,067.37 and Claims in the amount of \$699,875.80 with net claims being \$363,313.84.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Introduction of Mouw & Ceello intern Tony Cavalieri

Stanchina introduced Tony Cavalieri, a Mouw & Ceello intern, and noted that he was observing the meeting for informational purposes.

Downtown Intersection Ramp Approaches and A Street Crosswalks

Stanchina explained the Michigan Department of Transportation's pavement refurbishment plan for Stephenson Avenue. He indicated that the paver bricks that are located in the sidewalk approach ramps along Stephenson Avenue between Ludington and B Street could be replaced with colored concrete in an effort to increase ADA compliance. Stanchina estimated the cost of this project to be \$6,300. He noted that the sponsored bricks will be relocated.

Stanchina communicated that the concrete and paver brick crosswalks on the west and east sides of the intersection of Stephenson Avenue and A Street must be replaced due to deterioration. He conveyed that the cost of replacing both crosswalks with hot mix asphalt would be approximately \$7,000.

Stanchina relayed that the total cost, including engineering fees, for the proposed project is estimated at \$16,625 if the crosswalks were replaced with asphalt and \$19,625 if the East crosswalk of the Stephenson Avenue and A Street Intersection was replaced with colored concrete. He confirmed that this project is slated to begin in the near future and that he would look into saving the current paver bricks.

Hydraulic Hammer

Stanchina reported that the City purchased a hydraulic hammer from Road Machinery & Supplies for a total cost of \$14,800.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Stanchina informed the Council of the need for an increase in the sewage usage rate in the amount of \$3.14 per 1,000 cubic feet due to necessary capital improvements.

Medallion Management

Stanchina outlined a request by Medallion Management to develop a low-income senior/veteran housing complex in the City of Iron Mountain. He highlighted that this type of development is covered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and would pay a Payment in Lieu of Taxes rather than traditional property taxes.

Zephyr Station

Stanchina stressed the importance of ensuring that the site of the former Zephyr gas station is rehabilitated while the City has the option. He suggested that the level of required rehabilitation could be reflected in the price.

Amendment of the Administration Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual

Stanchina conveyed the need to discuss the discrepancies between the union and administrative personnel concerning items such as sick leave, vacation leave, longevity pay and sick leave payout. He relayed that the goal of this amendment would be to create equity.

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Stanchina indicated that he would not recommend increasing the Planning Commission from five members to seven due to the difficulty of recruiting Commissioners.

Rosen recommended that the City Council review the Michigan Municipal League article that was included in the Non-Agenda Items.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina asserted that the remaining City Park Improvement Project match has been calculated and that the Parks and Recreation Committee should be convened.

Alessandrini reported that building permits have decreased and that the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission had to utilize their fund balance.

Villa informed the City Council that the Mountain View Ice Arena is operating adequately and that they are in the process of hiring a custodian.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Zolner thanked City Manager Stanchina for his efforts.

Moraska conveyed that the Friends of City Park is considering the installation of a security system at City Park.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer