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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Pro Tem Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Rosen

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2014

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

James Anderson & Nicole Schindler – 305 W. H Street

Schindler expressed her concerns regarding the enforcement of the current easement between their property and the Mount Olive Lutheran Church due to the vacation of the adjacent alley. She requested that the City Council consider reversing the alley vacation. Moraska noted that the end of the partial alley was typically blocked by plowed snow prior to the vacation. The Council directed Pirkola to research the process of reversing a vacation.

Old Business

Opening of Proposals Re: Audit Services for 2 years

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	Year 1	Year 2	Single Audit
Anderson Tackman & Company – Iron Mountain, MI	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$3,000
Kerber Rose & Associates – Shawano, WI	<i>Option 1</i>	N/A	\$2,900
	<i>Option 2</i>	\$17,500	\$2,900
Schenck – Green Bay, WI	\$15,000	\$15,350	\$2,750
Gabridge & Company – Grand Rapids, MI	\$12,520	\$12,900	\$1,250

It was moved by Revord and supported by Moraska to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Opening of Proposals Re: Actuarial Analysis of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Stanchina conveyed that the last OPEB analysis was performed by Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co. at a cost of \$8,405. He opened the following bid:

Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co. \$8,550

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to award Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co. the actuarial analysis of the City's Other Post Employment Benefits at a cost of \$8,550, contingent upon the required specifications being met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Consideration of Request to Levy Maximum School Liaison Millage

Stanchina detailed the Iron Mountain Public Schools request for the City to levy the maximum School Liaison Millage, raising an additional \$19,479.08. Moraska requested that this matter be tabled until the next meeting, as to allow further consideration of this matter.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to table the request to levy the maximum School Liaison Millage until the next meeting.

Motion Withdrawn *as to allow further discussion.*

Pirkola confirmed that that City has the authority to levy .25 mills for the School Liaison Millage. Stanchina clarified that the altering of the practice of equal cost sharing between the Iron Mountain Public Schools and the City of Iron Mountain for the School Liaison position would only be for one year.

Tom Jayne, Iron Mountain Public Schools Superintendent, advocated for the School Liaison position and expressed his intentions to secure future funding. List voiced her appreciation for Liaison Officer Irwin's efforts and suggested that grant funding be researched. Jayne noted that the Iron Mountain Public School contributed \$46,730 toward Officer Irwin's position last year.

Officer Irwin reported on his typical duties as the School Liaison Officer.

Moraska reiterated his desire for additional time to prepare his questions regarding this matter. Stanchina relayed that the authority to levy the millage will expire next year and that the public must vote on renewing the millage in the upcoming August or November election.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to table the request to levy the maximum School Liaison Millage until the next meeting.

List	Aye
Moraska	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Nay
Villa	Aye
Zolner	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Discussion of Tower Lease Amendment Re: SBA Towers

Stanchina explained the current method by which lease fee are determined. He communicated that it is SBA's intentions to remove the existing tower once the current leases expires. Alessandrini and Pirkola supported allowing both towers on one site for a period of time. Pirkola suggested that this topic be tabled so that he can review the situation and determine the appropriate instrument to address the Council's concerns. Stanchina verified that the 20% net revenue distribution clause in the lease would apply to both towers.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to table the amending of SBA's Tower Lease until the next City Council meeting.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Proposed Trailer Ordinance

Stanchina presented an ordinance regulating the storage/parking of trailers and recreational vehicles.

Alessandrini, Moraska & List voiced the need to address this concern. Stanchina highlighted the changes that would manage trailer parking within municipal parking lots. Revord imparted that the Planning Commission recommended an allowance for equipment trailers. Stanchina indicated that he would provide an introducible copy of the ordinance at the next meeting.

Request to Purchase City-Owned Land (Zephyr Station) Re: Bill Neuens Enterprises, Inc.

Stanchina asserted that site remediation and increased tax revenue are integral when considering the sale of the former Zephyr Station property. He suggested that remediation costs be factored in to the purchase price of the property.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to allow the potential sale to proceed.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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No Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Golden K Special Needs Youth Picnic

Stanchina relayed the request by Golden K to use the City Park pavilion free of charge on May 27, 2014.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to authorize Golden K to use the City Park pavilion on May 27, 2014, free of charge, contingent upon the submission of a security deposit.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Quarterly Revenue & Expenditure Report Ending December 31, 2013

Stanchina presented the Revenue & Expenditure Report Ending December 31, 2013, for Council review. He conveyed that the City Attorney and Assessor's budgets were adversely affected by Michigan Tax Tribunal issues. Stanchina explained that the City Clerk's budget was affected by an increase in tax charge backs.

City Manager Reports

Water Service Freeze Ups

Stanchina reported on the status of water service freeze ups throughout the City.

Highway/Downtown Snow Removal

Stanchina communicated that the removal of excess snow from the highway and downtown will be underway soon.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola expressed the opinion that the City will not be able to renegotiate the offer the State Police secured for the damage to the trees on the property they lease from the City. He stated that the City should receive the negotiated compensation for the damaged trees.

Committee Reports

Consolidated Services

Stanchina detailed that outcome of the meeting between the City and the Dickinson County Sheriff.

Parks and Recreation

Stanchina announced that \$43,000 of the City Park Improvement Fund grant is available for the installation of a Frisbee golf course and a skate park at City Park. He imparted that the City's match has been met. Moraska asked that a full accounting of the City Park Improvement Project be provided to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Stanchina confirmed that disc golf has a higher priority than the skate park due to the amount of in-kind labor that can be utilized.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

List thanked Mr. Jayne for attending the meeting and being available for questions.

Zolner echoed List's sentiments.

Moraska advocated for the application of a grant to pave around the deer pen. Stanchina advised that the City Park Improvement Project be closed out prior to applying for additional grant opportunities as only one project may be active at one time. In light of the proposed Hughitt Street parking amendment, Moraska urged the City Council to consider the effects angle parking could have on travel lane restrictions, especially when snow is present.

Alessandrini stated that the Daily News has been surveying the community's desire to engage in a road diet on Carpenter Avenue and that a majority of citizens have an adverse opinion. Jayne estimated that the proposed road diet could hinder school-related traffic flow during peak periods. The Council discussed the possibility of reviewing traffic flow near the Iron Mountain Public School campus. Stanchina clarified that the "Izzo-Mariucci Way" street sign has been installed.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 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