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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 17, 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 & City Attorney Pirkola

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 February 3, 2014

Rosen requested that additional detail be added to the withdrawal of Mr. Moraska's motion concerning the millage increase for the School Liaison Officer position.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

James Anderson & Nicole Schindler – 305 W. H Street

Pirkola recommended that the City find an alternative solution to Anderson and Schindler's concerns rather than rescinding the vacation of the alley perpendicular to their property. Schindler confirmed that all their original requests were granted in the current easement. She relayed that Mount Olive Lutheran Church is plowing the snow from their parking lot into the easement area and that they are having difficulties communicating with the Church. Schindler objected to the vacation of the alley due to a clerical error. It was concluded that the City Manager would facilitate a meeting at City Hall between James Anderson, Nicole Schindler and representatives from the Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Stanchina reviewed the events leading up to the vacation. Pirkola imparted that James Anderson and Nicole Schindler are better served with an easement than a non-vacated alley.

Public Hearing

Purchase of a Squad Car via Rural Development

Stanchina detailed the proposed squad car purchase.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2014 Dodge Charger Police Package

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to authorize the solicitation of a 2014 Dodge Charger Police Package.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Request to Levy Maximum School Liaison Millage

Stanchina noted that an additional \$19,479 of funding is available under the current School Liaison Millage. Alessandrini and List voiced their support for the School Liaison Officer position.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to levy the maximum School Liaison Millage and alter the traditional 50/50 funding arrangement between the City of Iron Mountain and the Iron Mountain Public Schools for the 2014 Tax Season.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduce and Establish Public Hearing Re: Trailer Ordinance

Pirkola communicated that he would like additional time to review the regulation of trailers in front yards and the appeals process. Stanchina stated that the ordinance would be ready for the next regular City Council meeting. He imparted that the 72 hour parking limit for recreational vehicles in municipal lots was intended as a courtesy to travelers.

Addendum to the Tower Lease Agreement Re: SBA Towers

Pirkola advocated that SBA be permitted to retain both towers until the current leases with clients on the old tower expire. He explained that a motion amending the contingencies of SBA's special use permit should be passed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to modify SBA's Special Use Permit as approved on December 16, 2013, to allow the construction of a new tower on their current site, without additional base rent.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Amendment to the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual

Stanchina presented the proposed amendments to the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual, specifically vacation time, longevity pay and sick leave payout. He stressed the importance of creating fairness between Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 employees. Revord noted that Family Sick Leave could not be used for the sickness of a Farther-in-Law.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to amend the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual to include the proposed amendments, as submitted, and the usage of Family Sick Leave for the illness of a father-in-law.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Wastewater Treatment Authority Appointment Re: Mr. Jim Petroff

Stanchina recommended that Jim Petroff be appointed to the Wastewater Treatment Authority.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Villa that Jim Petroff be reappointed to the Wastewater Treatment Authority for a term to expire on February 3, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Planning Commission Appointment Re: Mr. Kyle Blomquist

Stanchina communicated that Kyle Blomquist had submitted his letter of interest to sit on the Planning Commission when there was not a vacancy, and that he renewed his interest when a vacancy was created. Zolner expressed the opinion that a conflict of interest could be present as Blomquist works at a local architecture firm. Rosen asserted that there is not a conflict since the Planning Commission does not make any binding decisions. Pirkola advised that appointing Blomquist would not create a conflict of interest. Moraska raised the concern that Blomquist's fiancé is also serving on the Downtown Development Authority. Revord and Rosen supported Blomquist's appointment.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to appoint Kyle Blomquist to the Planning Commission for a partial term to expire on May 19, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Mid-Year Budget Amendment

Stanchina reviewed the Mid-Year Budget Amendment. He concluded that the net effect is an increase in the projected deficit from \$41,000 to \$69,496.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendment, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

January Claims and Payroll

Stanchina stated that significant overtime associated with the water freeze ups are going to show up on next month's Claims and Payroll.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$341,429.78 and Claims in the amount of \$646,910.26 with net Claims being \$306,391.85.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the status of water freeze ups in the City. He relayed that a city-wide let run would not be practical based on the water treatment, fire and aquifer concerns.

Stanchina presented material by MDOT concerning road diets.

Stanchina announced that the new vector and plow trucks should be arriving soon.

Stanchina confirmed that temporary employees may be used to help the DPW catch up on work that has been deferred due to freeze ups.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Villa indicated that the Mountain View Ice Arena Board is collecting used skates and that they are planning significant improvements for this summer.

Villa conveyed that the City Park Improvement Project has approximately \$43,000 remaining. Rosen and Alessandrini expressed their support for placing a skate board park in City Park. Moraska offered the opinion that it would be preferable to place a wooden skate board park on the old Erickson Gas Station property on a trial basis. Rosen stressed that the skateboard park was included in the approved plan and that the plan should be followed.

Jackie Rosen – 1307 S. Hemlock Street

She asserted that the skate board park was already approved and that the skate boarders should not have to prove themselves.

Alessandrini reported that the County's electrical inspector has quit and that a replacement is forthcoming.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina confirmed that Police Protection for Bay College is not reimbursed by the State of Michigan.

Alessandrini, Villa and Zolner complimented the DPW on their efforts during the recent freeze ups.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer