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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members List, Moraska, Alessandrini, Revord, Villa & Zolner (*entered at 6:34 p.m.*)

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moraska requested that "Discussion of Carpenter Avenue/H Street Road Diet" be added as item number 3 under New Business.

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Zolner entered at 6:34 p.m.*

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2014*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the minutes of February 17, 2014, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2014*

It was moved by Zolner and supported by Moraska to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

*Jim Whittinghill- Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. Representative*

He imparted that the usage of single stream recycling reduces tipping fees and improves the environment. Whittinghill encouraged the City Council to include recycling in the upcoming request for proposal for waste disposal. He confirmed that recycling is mandatory in Wisconsin and that the State of Wisconsin's subsidy is being phased out. Whittinghill highlighted that Eagle Waste & Recycling is working with several Michigan communities and that they have been awarded the contract to haul waste for Ironwood, Michigan.

*James Anderson & Nicole Schindler – 305 West H Street*

Schindler informed the City Council that additional snow had been deposited on their easement by a front-end loader and by Mount Olive Lutheran's snow removal contractor after the meeting between the City of Iron Mountain, Representatives of the Church and themselves. She noted that Mr. Anderson and she had spoken with home appraisers and sent a letter to the Mount Olive Lutheran Church requesting their easement be cleared of snow. Schindler communicated that she was advised by a home appraiser that her property value would not be decreased if the easement is being maintained. She detailed the history of snow movement activity within their easement area. Schindler reiterated her request to reverse the vacation of the alley perpendicular to her property due to decreased property values and communication difficulties. Stanchina indicated that the Church's snow removal contractor had plowed snow into the incorrect location and that the contractor has been informed of the error and an apology letter had been sent to Mr. Anderson and Ms. Schindler. Moraska advocated for additional time, as agreed upon by Ms. Schindler, to remedy this situation. Schindler expressed her communication concerns regarding the Mount Olive Lutheran Church, specifically the Church Council. It was concluded that the situation would be reviewed based on proper adherence to snow removal requirements. Stanchina relayed that neither the City of Iron Mountain nor Mount Olive Lutheran Church deposited snow within Anderson and Schindler's easement with a front-end loader.

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### **Public Hearing**

**Proposed Ordinance to Regulate Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, Equipment and Other Items**  
Stanchina reviewed a correspondence from Phyllis Ewig objecting to the language stating "Other Items" within the title of the ordinance. He explained that the "Other Items" are addressed in greater detail within the ordinance. Stanchina stressed the importance of the increased safety that will result from this ordinance.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

### **Old Business**

#### **Approval of Ordinance Re: Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, Equipment and Other Items**

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the ordinance regulating the Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, Equipment and Other Items, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval of Cost Sharing Agreement with MDOT Re: Stephenson Ave. Crosswalk and Brick Paver Sidewalk Replacement**

Stanchina noted that all crosswalks and sidewalk approaches which do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act that adjoin the upcoming Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) micro-surfacing project from Iron Mountain's main street to the Thirsty Whale in Norway, Michigan, will need to be updated. He indicated that the City would incur the estimated cost of \$11,800 to update paver brick crosswalks and brick areas adjacent to the affected ramp approaches.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve a resolution to adopt the proposed cost sharing agreement with MDOT, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

#### **Approval of City Policy Re: Pre-Employment Drug Testing for Seasonal/Temporary Employees**

Stanchina presented the proposed City policy regarding pre-employment drug testing for seasonal/temporary employees.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the City policy regarding pre-employment drug testing for seasonal/temporary employees, pending City Attorney review.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval of Claims Resolution Agreement Re: DuPont Imprelis**

Stanchina detailed the claims resolution agreement concerning City trees damaged by DuPont Imprelis.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the claims resolution concerning City trees damaged by DuPont Imprelis.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Discussion of Carpenter Avenue/H Street Road Diet**

Moraska voiced his disapproval of a road diet on Carpenter Avenue. Alessandrini clarified that there is currently no action that can be taken on this issue. Revord supported allowing those who may be interested in this cause to present their idea to the City Council for consideration. Rosen expressed the concern that a road diet would decrease pedestrian safety and increase congestion. Alessandrini conveyed that he does not support the adoption of a road diet at this time, but that he would encourage any interested parties to present the idea to the City Council. Zolner questioned the practicality of continuing to promote the road diet concept. Villa objected to the approval of a road diet, but supported the continued development of the concept. Revord and List imparted that they are currently opposed to the road diet, but that they are open to considering the matter further.

### **Reports**

#### **Financial Reports**

##### **February Claims and Payroll**

Moraska stated that there was significant overtime associated with the water freeze ups.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$295,410.71 and Claims in the amount of \$1,107,626.98 with net Claims being \$337,924.40.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **City Manager Reports**

Stanchina reported on the water freeze up status. He relayed that a minority of people ran their water independently.

Stanchina announced that the City of Iron Mountain was selected for a SAW Grant and that the City is approximately 315<sup>th</sup> in line for grant funding. He estimated that funding would be within two years. He highlighted the items the grant could fund.

Stanchina presented the idea of appointing a Deputy City Manager to oversee the operations of the Police and Fire Department. He recommended that this issue be considered by the Consolidated Services Committee.

Stanchina submitted a request to the City Council for the approval of a waiver of City Park closure from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. so that Debbie McKinzie, owner of Jodeco Salon, can hold an evening trail run at City Park. He stated that only the public trails would be utilized. Stanchina confirmed that he would verify with the City Attorney if additional liability insurance is necessary. Rosen imparted the opinion that it would be best to table this item until the need for liability insurance can be determined.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to extend the closure of City Park from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on June 13, 2014, contingent upon City Attorney review.

### **Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Stanchina stated that the funds for street paving will be determined within the budget process and that the specific streets to be paved will be determined once the budget is approved. Alessandrini suggested that road restrictions may reduce wear and tear on City streets given this winter's severity.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

### **Committee Reports**

Revord reported that the Planning Commission is developing an ordinance to regulate outdoor wood boilers. Stanchina supported regulating these devices given the close proximity of dwellings in town. Moraska communicated the opinion that fire pit burning is a bigger problem than outdoor wood boilers.

Alessandrini announced that the Downtown Development Authority has retained Rebecca Grider to serve as Downtown Development Authority / Main Street Manager and that her first day will be March 31, 2014.

Alessandrini presented information from the most recent Dickinson County Construction Code Commission meeting.

Stanchina conveyed that the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Collective Bargaining Committee need to meet.

### **Public Comment**

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard

She encouraged the development of curb-side recycling and increased bike paths due to their progressive nature. The City Council discussed the merits of establishing a recycling program.

### **Council Member Privilege**

Alessandrini informed the City Manager of a pot hole at the intersection of Chapin Street and US 2.

Moraska wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

### **Adjournment**

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

### **Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer