

# *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Zolner

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Carol Bartolameolli and City Attorney Pirkola.

## **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Revord and supported by Villa to approve the agenda, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2014*

Villa noted a correction under Committee Reports reflecting that the Parks and Recreation Committee met to review the skateboard park rather than playground equipment.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to include Member Villa's correction and the resubmission of the minutes of April 7, 2014, at the next regular City Council Meeting.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2014*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the minutes of April 14, 2014, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Discussion of School Liaison Millage Ballot Proposal**

Stanchina communicated that at the last City Council meeting it was concluded that the School Liaison Millage ballot proposal would be presented once on the August Primary Election's ballot. He relayed that he had received feedback from council members and that the general consensus is that the question should be on the November General Election's ballot. Stanchina requested that the Council take formal action to move the proposal to the November General Election's ballot.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to move the School Liaison Millage Ballot Proposal to the 2014 November General Election's ballot.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **New Business**

### **Appoint Mayor Pro Tem**

Mayor Alessandrini asked for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Alessandrini nominated Member Revord for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Alessandrini closed nominations.

Mayor Alessandrini called for a vote for the nomination of Member Revord as Mayor Pro Tem.

**Nomination Carried**

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**Consideration of Utility Easement and Acceptance of Utilities Re: Timber Ridge Condominiums**

Stanchina outlined the details of the utility project for the Timber Ridge Condominiums. He imparted that due to unanticipated geological barriers and inadequate water pressure, the placement of utility lines required unplanned adjustments; requiring new easements and a Developer's Agreement. Stanchina confirmed that an easement is already in place for Timber Ridge Drive and that the sanitary sewer is in place.

**Easement #1 Legal Motion**

*A 30 foot wide easement running from the Northerly line of a proposed Public Road, Northerly and Northeasterly to an existing Waterline Easement and located in the Northeast One-quarter of the Southwest One-quarter (NE1/4 x SW1/4), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Forty North (T40N), Range Thirty West (R30W), City of Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan. This easement is being written to include a portion of the City water main that was constructed outside of the original easement. This easement is 30 feet wide, being 15 feet on each side of the following described centerline; Commencing at the One-quarter corner common to Section 32, T40N, R30W, and Section 5, T39N, R30W; thence S 89°01'09"W along the Township line between Sections 32 and 5 a distance of 352.37 feet; thence N 0°00'00"E a distance of 1441.57 feet to a point on the Northerly line of a proposed 66 foot wide public road and the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence N 06°58'03"W a distance of 69.66 feet; thence N 49°47'58"E a distance of 110.44 feet to the West line of an existing Waterline easement and the POINT OF ENDING.*

*This easement does not include any portion of Unit 1 of the proposed Condominium.*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve Easement #1 (North and East of Condo 1).

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Easement #2 Legal Motion**

*A 30 foot wide easement running from the Westerly line of the existing waterline easement area and the Easterly line of the proposed Timber Ridge Condominium and running Northwesterly to the Southerly line of a proposed 75 foot wide Public access and utility easement. Located in the Northeast One-quarter of the Southwest One-quarter (NE1/4 x SW1/4), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Forty North (T40N), Range Thirty West (R30W), City of Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan. This easement is 30 feet wide, being 15 feet on each side of the following described centerline; Commencing at the One-quarter corner common to Section 32, T 40N, R30W, and Section 5, T39N, R30W; thence S 89°01'09"W along the Township line between Sections 32 and 5 a distance of 276.45 feet; thence N 0°00'00"E a distance of 1577.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence N 77°25'01"W a distance of 98.22 feet more or less to the POINT OF ENDING.*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve Easement #2 (South and East of Condo 1).

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Utility Easement Legal Motion**

*A proposed easement for public access and utilities along the north and west boundaries of Phase 1 of the proposed Timber Ridge Condominium, located in the Southeast One-quarter of the Southwest One-quarter (SE1/4 x SW1/4) and in the Northeast One-quarter of the Southwest One-quarter (NE1/4 x SW1/4), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Forty North (T40N), Range Thirty West (R30W), City of Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the One-quarter corner common to Section 32, T40N, R30W, and Section 5, T39N, R30W; thence S 89°01'09"W along the Township line between Sections 32 and 5 a distance of 768.71 feet; thence N 0°00'00"E a distance of 1306.26 feet to a point on the Northerly line of a proposed 66 foot wide easement road and the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence N 06°00'00"W a distance of 182.95 feet; thence N 63°00'20"E a distance of 346.99 feet; thence N 68°35'08"E a distance of 150.00 feet; thence S 37°27'50"E a distance of 78.04 feet; thence S 68°35'08"W a distance of 167.92; thence S 63°00'20"W a distance of 307.85 feet; thence S 06°00'00"E a distance of 121.40 feet to a point on the Northerly line of a proposed 66 foot wide easement road; thence along said North line S 79°56'58"W a distance of 60.15 feet; back to the POINT OF BEGINNING.*

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to grant the Utility Easement.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Developer's Agreement, contingent upon adherence to City specifications and receipt of all easements, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Consideration of a Quit Claim Deed Request from Harry Rahoi**

Stanchina detailed a request from Harry Rahoi for a quit claim deed on a small slice of land that may have been omitted from a legal description when he purchased Lot 103, Block 11, Plat of the Village of Lake Antoine, from the City of Iron Mountain in 1977. He indicated that the error was discovered when Mr. Rahoi had a title search done in the preparation of selling the property. Stanchina relayed that Section 13.8b of the City Charter requires the granting of the quit claim deed to be advertised three times and a public hearing be held. Stanchina recommended that the Council require the requestor to pay all actual costs.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to advertise a Public Hearing for May 19, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. for the consideration of the quick claim deed, waive the real estate policy, and require Mr. Rahoi to pay all actual costs.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Consideration of Request by Society of Creative Anachronism Re: Archery Demonstration at City Park**

Stanchina presented the request made by the Society of Creative Anachronism to hold a longbow archery demonstration at their renaissance type event on September 27, 2014. He informed the Council that the current ordinance does provide an option to grant special permission to use archery equipment within the City limits. Stanchina noted his concern for the close proximity of the new walking trail and the location archery would be taking place. Revord and Stanchina imparted that past practice has been to deny such requests. The Council voted to deny the request, as presented, but will consider alternative ideas. Stanchina agreed to meet with a representative of the Society of Creative Anachronism to gather additional information and re-present the request. It was moved by Moraska and seconded by Revord to deny permission for the Society of Creative Anachronism to hold an archery demonstration at City Park on September 27, 2014.

List	Aye
Revord	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Villa	Nay
Moraska	Aye

**Motion to deny Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-0)**

**Consideration of Noise Ordinance Waiver Re: City Park Pavilion Rental**

Stanchina presented the request by Mr. James Renner to use amplified equipment outdoors within City Park as part of a special benefit concert for Kendal Clarke, a 10 month-old with a congenital heart defect, on June 15, 2014. Stanchina imparted that the requestor has verbally reserved the City Park Pavilion for the event and that the event is during the day and will not affect the general noise ordinance.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Villa to waive the policy on outdoor use of amplified sound equipment within City Park contingent upon the requestor completing the rental process for the City Park Pavilion.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Consideration of Maintenance Agreement Re: 800mhz Radios**

Stanchina reviewed the benefits of having a maintenance agreement for radios as they require repair. Stanchina estimated that the replacement cost for each radio is approximately \$3,000 and a typical repair cost is a minimum of \$400. Stanchina stated that the maintenance agreement would cost \$7.00 per month per radio and would cover any required repairs. He indicated that the agreement would begin upon the first repair and could be cancelled after one year.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to enter into a maintenance agreement for \$7.00 per month for each radio, as needed.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**No Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Camp 911**

Stanchina detailed a request by the Dickinson County Hospital to use the City Park Pavilion at no charge for the Camp 911 event on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, and Thursday, June 19, 2014. Stanchina conveyed that a cleaning deposit is still collected and refunded upon inspection.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the no charge use of the City Park Pavilion for Camp 911 on June 18 and June 19, 2014.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Approval of Travel Request Re: City Attorney**

City Attorney Pirkola outlined the benefits of attending Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys training on making modifications to outdated Charters. Stanchina and Pirkola communicated that travel costs would be minimal as the City Attorney would be traveling in conjunction with other business matters.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the travel request, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Authorization to Advertise for Council Vacancy**

Stanchina asserted that the City is required to advertise and fill Mayor Rosen's vacant seat by May 12, 2014.

Revord had a question as to who sits on the current Policy Committee. Revord suggested that the process of choosing candidate be discussed at the upcoming special meeting on April 23, 2014. Stanchina recommended setting a due date for letters of interest by May 5, 2014.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to authorize the advertisement for Council Member vacancy.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Policy Additions Re: Cemetery Park – Rules and Regulations**

Stanchina reviewed the Cemetery Policy additions provided by Tom Quick, Cemetery Sexton. Stanchina confirmed that some of the older sites were purchased without a perpetual care fee at the time of sale and therefore the fee must be collected at the time of burial. Revord and List expressed their concern for those who have a financial difficulty paying for burials. Stanchina noted that it hasn't been City policy to extend credit.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Cemetery Policy additions, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Amendment Re: Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Plan**

Stanchina outlined the amendment to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Plan that would allow construction and demolition waste to be disposed of in the Niagara Development Landfill located in Breitung Township. He stated that as a final step to the amendment process, the amendment must be presented to the local municipalities for approval.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the proposed amendment to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

#### **March Claims and Payroll**

Alessandrini had questions about item 58550 on page 6 regarding an Actuary Attestation-RDS Subsidy. CFO Bartolameoli and Stanchina explained what an actuarial assessment is and why it is required. Alessandrini had a question on item 58559 on page 7 regarding a Prisoner Transport. Stanchina commented on the use of private transport services Verses County or City personnel. Alessandrini had a final question on item 58566 of page 7 regarding MFR-Re-certification. Stanchina explained that the current contract requires MFR certification.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$270,844.94 and Claims in the amount of \$579273.47 with net Claims being \$318,572.26.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Fundraiser Run at City Park*

Stanchina conveyed that at a prior City Council meeting the question of whether or not additional liability insurance is required for a private use event at City Park. Stanchina stated that the City does not need to be provided proof of insurance since the event is a private use of the facilities at the park.

#### *Water Let Runs*

Stanchina reported that some of the 575 water let runs are being discontinued. Alessandrini asked how many frozen locations were being fed by hose connections from neighbors. Stanchina asserted 17-20 locations. Alessandrini suggested that the City send thank you letters to residents who allowed connections to feed their neighbors.

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*Street Damage Due to Water Break*

Stanchina reported to the Council that a water break had occurred on East A Street that had raised and undermined a portion of the road and that there is a potential need to have the street repaved.

*Street Sweeping*

Stanchina imparted that the City has begun street sweeping and anticipates that there will be more sand/dirt collected due to the severe weather this winter. Alessandrini asked if the collected sand could be recycled.

*Dumpster Drop Off Day*

Stanchina announced that the annual spring drop off will be planned for mid-May.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Planning Commission*

Revord reported that the Planning Commission will be providing information regarding the Outdoor Wood Boiler Ordinance for the next City Council meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Villa announced that the Caring House will hold a candlelight vigil on April 29, 2014, at 5:00pm.

**Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to enter into Executive Session at 7:50pm.

Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
List	Aye
Moraska	Aye
Villa	Aye

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

Executive Session ended at 8:04pm.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Sara L. Chandler  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer