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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Coe (entered at 6:40 p.m.)

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina and Chief Financial Officer Carol Bartolameolli

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that “Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Iron Mountain Teachers Event” and “Approval of City Policy Book Amendment Re: Seasonal Employee Wage Rate Schedule” be added as items 13 and 14 under New Business, respectively.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 27, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Mike Ciantar – 518 Houghteling Street

Ciantar advocated that the vacant home at 510 Houghteling Street be condemned and remediated due to its unsafe condition. Stanchina noted that a land bank would be an optimal tool to address the property in question. He explained that the development of a land bank was discussed and that Dickinson County declined to participate. Stanchina indicated that the funding of blighted property removal could be discussed in conjunction with next year’s budget. Revord and Alessandrini communicated an interest in further researching the remediation of condemned property. Stanchina assured Ciantar that the long grass and large holes in the side of the home would be addressed. He detailed the process of condemning a property.

Coe Entered at 6:40 p.m.

Mary Ann Corombos – 1115 Wells Street

Corombos submitted that the property at 940 East H Street should also be considered when addressing severely blighted buildings. She also conveyed that the City’s playground equipment at the 25 Location park should be repainted.

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New Business

Request to Purchase City Owned Land Re: Mr. Harry Rahoi

Stanchina presented Rahoi's request to purchase City-owned land. Revord suggested the option of selling a portion of the City-owned parcel between Pine Street and Rahoi's current property to Rahoi, allowing him public access to his property. Stanchina relayed that Rahoi could allow himself an easement through the front of his property, which he is planning to sell, to the property he wishes to retain. Moraska highlighted the value of the City-owned parcel in question.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to refer Rahoi's request to purchase City-owned land to the infrastructure committee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 80% City / 20% Employee Funding Ratio Re: Health Insurance Premiums

Stanchina informed the City Council of the upcoming increase in health insurance premiums and explained the funding options that are available to the City. He recommended that the City move from hard cap to 80% City/ 20% Employee funding. Stanchina added that a recent legislative change requires fees and taxes to be included in the calculation of health care expenses. Stanchina confirmed that the City would be within the budgeted expenses under the 80% City/ 20% Employee funding scenario.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to adopt the proposed resolution to put the 80% City /20% Employee funding ratio in effect.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution for Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

Stanchina reported on the outcome of the efforts to combat the spread of Eurasian Milfoil at Lake Antoine. Revord offered the suggestion that it may be prudent to research improved Eurasian Milfoil treatment processes.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve a contribution of \$3,500 to the Lake Antoine Association for the remediation of the Eurasian Milfoil problem.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2014/2015 Fee Schedule

Stanchina outlined the 2014-2015 Fee Schedule, as submitted. The Council discussed the length of time building permits are valid.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the 2014-2015 Fee Schedule, as submitted.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Approval of Street Closures Re: First National Bank Half-Marathon

Stanchina submitted the First National Bank's request for street closures due to their annual half-marathon to the City Council for approval. He verified that there were no difficulties associated with last year's event.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the First National Bank's Iron Mountain Road & Trail Half Marathon Committee's street closure request, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amend Administrative Personnel Policy Manual Re: Director of Police and Fire Services Job Description

Stanchina presented the proposed Personnel Policy Manual amendment regarding the Director of Police and Fire Services job description. He relayed that the education requirement may need to be addressed in the future. Villa, Revord and List supported reviewing the education requirement in the future and Moraska supported not adjusting the requirement.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to amend the Personnel Policy Manual in regards to the Director of Police and Fire Services job description.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Year End Budget Amendment

Bartolameolli detailed the Year-end Budget Amendment. Stanchina explained the process by which the Cemetery Trust Fund is developed and the reason the interest is transferred. Bartolameolli confirmed that she regularly verifies that optimal interest revenue is being earned on City funds. Zolner suggested that a portion of the tree settlement funds be used to remove blighted property. Moraska noted that purchasing a hydraulic hammer, rather than renting one, saved the City significantly.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Year-end Budget Amendment, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of MDOT Contract Re: Small Urban Program Park Ave. and Margaret St.

Stanchina outlined the Michigan Department of Transportation program to pave portions of Park Avenue and Margaret Street through the Small Urban Program. He indicated that the Small Urban Program will cover 81.85% of the project cost up to \$191,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation contract for the Small Urban Program for Park Avenue and Margaret Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of July 4th Fireworks Display Permit Re: Spielbauer Fireworks Company

Stanchina verified that the Fire Chief has no issues with the location from which fireworks will be displayed and that proper liability insurance will be provided.

It was moved by Moraska and supported Villa to approve the July 4th Fireworks Display Permit regarding the Spielbauer Fireworks Company.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2014 Dodge Charger Pursuit

Stanchina requested that bids for a 2014 Dodge Charger Pursuit squad car be solicited. He communicated that the 2014 models are still available due to a redesign of the 2015 model. Stanchina conveyed that this squad car will replace one of the two remaining Ford Crown Victoria squad cars. He highlighted that the cost of purchasing a new car will decrease once equipment can be reused.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to solicit bids for a 2014 Dodge Charger Pursuit.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appointment to the Planning Commission Re: Mrs. Julie Badini

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to reappoint Julie Badini to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on May 19, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Re: Mr. Rob Barkle

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to reappoint Rob Barkle to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 20, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Iron Mountain Teachers Event

Stanchina recommended that the request to close the parking lot on June 23, 2014, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. adjacent to the Performance Stage be approved.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the Iron Mountain Downtown Development Authority's parking lot closure request, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Policy Book Amendment Re: Seasonal Employee Wage Rate Schedule

Stanchina offered an increased wage rate schedule for seasonal employees, based upon increased duties, for approval. He imparted that the increased duties would aid the Department of Public Works in reducing the current backlog.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Seasonal Employee Wage Rate Schedule, as presented.

Zolner	Aye
Coe	Abstain
Villa	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
List	Aye
Moraska	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-1)

Reports

Financial Reports

May Claims and Payroll

Moraska reported that overtime expenditures have been stable.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$325,101.93 and Claims in the amount of \$860,129.13 with net Claims being \$285,741.76.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Road Improvements

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the Hydraulic Falls and Lake Antoine Road improvements. He informed the Council that the State of Michigan will be bidding out the Park Avenue and Margaret Street projects on our behalf. Stanchina projected that the local paving bid will be ready for solicitation approval at the next regular meeting.

Rubbish Collection

Stanchina reviewed the historical cost of offering the City-wide rubbish collection.

Alessandrini requested that each Department Head report be stapled separately when they are included in the packet.

Moraska communicated that the employees should be commended for a job well done.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Revord noted that the Planning Commission met to discuss a request to rezone the property adjacent to Grand Boulevard Circle, allowing residential construction.

Stanchina conveyed that a survey of the property on which the Partnership is built has been completed. Moraska stressed the importance of transferring the property in question to the Dickinson Area Partnership.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Moraska advocated that the trailer ordinance be revisited.

Coe indicated that he had visited a complex that is operated by Medallion Management and that he found the facility to be well managed.

Revord imparted that the City Manager's evaluation will have to be performed.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the used equipment that will be put on bid by the City of Marquette.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer