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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 7, 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

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Approval of Parking Lot Closure and Noise Ordinance Waiver Re: Italian Fest" and "Approval of Disc Golf Layout Re: City Park" be added as items number eight and nine under New Business, respectively.

Stanchina asked that "Land Sales/Negotiation" be included under Executive Session.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Joanne Hady – 932 East H Street

Hady highlighted the poor condition of the house located at 940 East H Street. She affirmed that she and the owner of 948 East H Street would be willing to purchase the property from the City and pay for the cost of demolishing the condemned home. The City Council discussed the means by which property maintenance standards are enforced.

Stanchina confirmed that the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission has reviewed the property regarding condemnation. Moraska, Villa, List and Revord stressed the importance of addressing blighted structures. Pirkola stated that additional options can be considered once a building is determined dangerous.

Mary Ann Corombos – 1115 Wells Street

Corombos expressed that past inferior code enforcement has facilitated the current situation caused by 940 East H Street. Stanchina verified that past code enforcement concerns have been remediated to the applicable regulatory standard.

Wil Sauld – 115 Lehman Avenue

Sauld objected to the commercial equipment his neighbor is storing on their property within a residential area. Stanchina indicated that the Planning Commission will be reviewing potential ordinance amendments at their next meeting that will address this situation. He informed Sauld that certain pieces of equipment may be retained in conjunction with a valid building permit. Moraska asserted that higher standards and increased enforcement activity would aid in reducing code violations. Pirkola suggested that an ordinance amendment could remedy this type of situation.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: 2014 Dodge Charger Pursuit

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Stanchina opened the following bids:

	w/o delivery	w/delivery
MI Deal (State of Michigan)	\$22,643	\$23,505
Riverside Auto & Truck Sales (Iron Mountain, MI)	\$22,849	\$22,849

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the purchase of a 2014 V6 Dodge Charger squad car from Riverside Auto & Truck Sales in the amount of \$22,849.00, pending all required specifications have been met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

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

Stanchina recommended that the Council approve moving to the next step of the real estate sales policy.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve moving Mr. Rahoi's request to purchase City-owned property to the next step, including the procurement of a survey and appraisal.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorize Solicitation of Bids Re: 2014 Paving

Stanchina reviewed the proposed 2014 Paving Schedule. He noted that the improvement of the Lake Antoine and Hydraulic Falls roads were also funded through this year's paving budget. Stanchina advised that funds may have to be moved from the paving budget to complete the required improvements at the City's compost site.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to authorize the solicitation of bids for the 2014 Pavement Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Request for Proposals Re: Garbage Collection Services

Stanchina detailed the analysis of whether it would be more economical to provide garbage services in-house or through contract. He indicated that it would be preferable to contract out at this time due to the required capital expenditure.

Stanchina informed the Council that per the County's Solid Waste Plan all waste that is created in Dickinson County must be disposed of through the Dickinson County Solid Waste Transfer Station.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to authorize the solicitation of bids for garbage collection services.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association

Stanchina presented the request by the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association for a 2014-15 dues contribution in the amount of \$300.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the 2014-15 dues for the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association in the amount of \$300.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Closure of City Park Re: July 26th Saturday in the Park

Stanchina conveyed that the Council needs to set an entrance fee, waive the noise ordinance and allow amplified music for the upcoming Saturday in the Park event.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve an admission fee of \$5, waive the noise ordinance until 1:00 a.m. and allow amplified music for the Saturday in the Park event on July 26, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Kingsford High School Cross Country Meet Re: City Park Trails

Stanchina relayed that the Kingsford High School has requested the use of City Park on September 9, 2014, and October 9, 2014, between 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for a cross country meet.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to authorize Kingsford High School to use City Park for a cross country meet on September 9, 2014, between 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to authorize Kingsford High School to use City Park for a cross country meet on October 9, 2014, between 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appointment to the Planning Commission Re: Mrs. Julie Olson

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to re-appoint Julie Olson to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on May 19, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure and Noise Ordinance Waivers Re: Italian Fest

Stanchina presented the proposed parking lot closure request and noise ordinance waiver for Italian Fest between 7:00 a.m. on August 15, 2014, until 10:00 a.m. on August 17, 2014.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the requested parking lot closure and noise waivers, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Iron Mountain Main Street to apply for a Special Liquor License from the Liquor License Control Commission for August 15th and 16th for Italian Fest.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Disc Golf Layout Re: City Park

Stanchina reviewed the proposed layout for the disc golf course at City Park. He noted that minimal tree removal would have to take place and that the usage of the disc golf course would not prohibit the use of the walking trails. Stanchina requested that the City Council approve the general layout of the course and expenditures, not to exceed \$6,000, for the purchase of disc golf baskets. Eric Willman, City Park Improvement Project volunteer, stated that the proposed map shows two options for basket number ten. Alessandrini, Villa and Moraska thanked Willman for his efforts.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed disc golf layout and an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to purchase baskets for the course.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina conveyed that with the exception of minor improvements to the deer pen fencing, the Department of Natural Recourses visit went well.

Stanchina verified that the City of Marquette has not placed their used skated board equipment out for bids yet.

Stanchina confirmed that the Farmer's Market will be taking place at the Veteran's Administration Hospital on Tuesday's and downtown on Saturday's.

Stanchina detailed the manner in which the name bricks that were located at the sidewalk approaches downtown are being handled.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

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None

Council Member Privilege

Villa encouraged interested parties from Iron Mountain and the surrounding areas to patronize and volunteer at the Saturday in the Park event.

Moraska highlighted that the new bathrooms at City Park are being used selectively and that additional bathrooms are available.

Zolner stressed the importance of enforcing the ordinances that are in effect.

Alessandrini addressed a letter from a concerned citizen regarding a float in the July 4, 2014, parade.

Executive Session Re: City Manager Evaluation & Collective Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to enter into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

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

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

Executive Session ended at 8:18 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Revord and supported by Villa to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer