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

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Villa

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina and Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Tree Removal and Trimming" be added as item seven under New Business and "Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy" be added as item 10. Alessandrini asked that "Consideration of Donation Re: Alpha Omega Property" be added as item number eight under New Business. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Zolner to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Joanne Hady – 932 East H Street

Hady requested an update on the statutes of the code violations for the house located at 940 East H Street. She thanked the City for the efforts that have been made to correct the property's current violations. Alessandrini reported on the actions the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission has taken concerning the property. Alessandrini stressed the importance of developing a land bank.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: 2014 Paving

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Northeast Asphalt (Green Bay, WI)	\$278,311.00
Bacco Construction (Iron Mountain, MI)	\$262,496.50

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to award the 2014 Paving Project to Bacco Construction.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Disc Golf Baskets

Stanchina relayed that the purchase of disc golf baskets exceeded the previously approved spending limit of \$6,000 and that he would request an amended purchasing limit of \$6,170.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the purchase of disc golf baskets in an amount not to exceed \$6,170.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Approval of Charter Amendment Ballot Proposal Re: Council Member Compensation

The City Council discussed proposing a charter amendment that would increase City Council Member compensation to \$30 per meeting with an annual cap of \$1,500. Alessandrini expressed the opinion that the voters did not care for the Consumer Price Index adjustment that the previous ballot proposal included. Stanchina noted that the current compensation has not been increased since 1985.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the Charter amendment ballot language concerning Council Member compensation at a rate of \$30 per meeting and an annual maximum of \$1,500.00.

Moraska Aye
List Aye
Revord Nay
Alessandrini Aye
Coe Aye
Zolner Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Appointment of Appeals Board Re: International Property Maintenance Code

Stanchina indicated a need to establish an Appeals Board in the event code enforcements under the International Property Maintenance Code are challenged. He recommended that the Zoning Board of Appeals be named as the Appeals Board given the board member's current duties and expertise.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to appoint the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Appeals Board for the International Property Maintenance Code.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Re: Mr. Wilfred Sauld

Stanchina presented Mr. Wilfred Sauld's request to be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to re-appoint Mr. Sauld to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 20, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Exceed Spending Limit Re: Bids for Used Skate Park Equipment

Stanchina asked the City Council to authorize him to exceed his \$5,000 spending limit, up to the sealed bid amount to purchase used skate board equipment. He clarified that the cost of the used skate park equipment would be funded by the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to improve City Park.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to authorize the City Manager to exceed his \$5,000 spending limit, up to the sealed bid amount.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule

Stanchina detailed the proposed increase to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule. He relayed that an increase in the amount of 1.75% is budgeted and would be consistent with the negotiated labor contracts. Stanchina noted that the part-time personnel at the Police Department should be given a 2% increase since their .25% pay increase last year was omitted.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the adjustments to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule, including a 2% increase for part-time personnel in the Police Department.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Appointment Re: Dickinson County Construction Code Commission

Stanchina imparted that Alessandrini should be formally appointed to the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to appoint Mayor Alessandrini to the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Tree Removal and Trimming

Stanchina stated that due to the severe winter, tree maintenance was not preformed according to the typical schedule. He conveyed that it would be optimal to solicit bids for tree removal and trimming.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Zolner to authorize the solicitation of bids for tree removal and trimming.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Donation Re: Alpha Omega Property

Alessandrini presented a request by Alpha Omega to donate the property located at 200 W. Brown Street to the City of Iron Mountain. He imparted that the property was donated to Alpha Omega and that they were not able to utilize it for their building project.

Reports

Financial Reports

June Claims and Payroll

Moraska reported that overtime expenditures have decreased. The Commission reviewed several Downtown Development Authority reimbursements.

It was moved by Moraska and supported Zolner to approve Payroll in the amount of \$322,742.55 and Claims in the amount of \$1,200,013.85 with net Claims being \$905,744.89.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Federal Emergency Management Authority – Water Line Freezing

Stanchina detailed the process of reporting expenses to the Federal Emergency Management Authority concerning last winter's severe weather.

Medallion Management Land Purchase Request

Stanchina indicated that a study of the utilities required by the proposed Medallion Management project is being assessed to ensure sufficient capacity.

Purchase of Military Time

Stanchina stated that he has received two requests to purchase military time and that they are being evaluated.

Blight Concerns

Stanchina highlighted the properties in which the City had remediated long grass and blight.

Stanchina clarified the status of the Krist Oil land purchase request and the reason the development at 108 and 110 W. E Street requires special approval.

Revord conveyed that a property in town has a problem with excessive pigeon droppings. He expressed the opinion that the droppings are a health and safety risk.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Revord noted that the Planning Commission met and made recommendations for the City Council to approve.

Alessandrini reported that the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission has seen an increase in building activity. He indicated that a new Electrical Inspector has also been retained.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

List expressed her disapproval for the manner in which certain projects were performed at City Park.

Moraska invited everyone to the Saturday in the Park event at City Park. He also stressed the importance of not devaluing the efforts performed by volunteers.

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Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Coe Aye

List Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Revord Aye

Moraska Aye

Zolner Aye

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

Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer