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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 4, 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 City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Chuck Lantz – Director of Veteran’s Affairs for Dickinson County

Lantz voiced his support for the City purchasing its employees’ military service time.

Jim Whittinghill- Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. Representative

Whittinghill thanked the City Council for considering their refuse collection bid and encouraged utilizing city-wide recycling.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Garbage Collection and Disposal Services

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Eagle Waste and Recycling	\$12.78 / mo. / res. (approx \$42,075 / mo.)
Great American Disposal	\$10.516 / mo. / res. (year 1)
	\$10.937 / mo. / res. (year 2)
	\$11.374 / mo. / res. (year 3)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zolner to refer the bids to staff for further review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Requests to Purchase Military Service Credit

Stanchina outlined his research concerning the purchase of military time. He noted that there would not be any health insurance savings due to the retirement of those who are requesting to purchase military time. Stanchina clarified that 100% of the City’s portion of the purchased military time would have to be paid up front. Alessandrini relayed the opinion that he initially supported the proposed purchase but that the upfront cost was found to be prohibitive.

Jay Goudreau – 1201 Grant Street (Niagara, WI)

He stated that he was not provided advanced notice that the funding mechanism for purchasing military service credit was altered.

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Coe stressed the need to consider the long-term financial ramifications of the proposed expenditure. Alessandrini thanked the requesting candidates for serving in the military. Zolner, List and Revord indicated the importance of reviewing what options the City may have available.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Coe to refer this matter to the Operations and Management Committee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Set a Public Hearing for Sale of City Owned Real Estate Re: Bill Neuens Enterprises

Stanchina reviewed the appraisal of the City-owned property located at 1212 S. Stephenson Avenue, formerly known as the Zephyr Station. He conveyed that the cost of site remediation would offset the cleared value of the property and he recommended that the property be sold for \$1. Stanchina imparted that the purchase agreement should include language that would require the purchaser to remove the current building, gas tanks, concrete and perform any soil remediation. Moraska requested that the property be sold for \$500 in an attempt to raise funds for further blight remediation. Zolner and Alessandrini supported selling the property for \$1 due to its condition.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to set a public hearing on September 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 1212 S. Stephenson Avenue to Bill Neuens Enterprises.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Set a Public Hearing for Sale of City Owned Real Estate Re: Krist Oil

Stanchina detailed the proposed conditions for the sale of the property located between the Department of Public Works facility at 125 N. Stephenson Avenue and the Krist Oil gas station. Stanchina confirmed that the City would retain the necessary easements through the property that is being sold.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to set a public hearing on September 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. regarding the sale of City-owned property located adjacent to 125 N. Stephenson Avenue to Krist Oil.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Understanding with IMFD Re: Donated Sick Leave

Stanchina asked that a letter of understanding approving the donation of up to three days of sick leave per full-time member be permitted in the Fire Department through December 31, 2014.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve a letter of understanding to allow each full-time member of the Fire Department to donate up to three days of sick leave to a member who has exhausted their leave, through December 31, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Rebuild 4x4 Paystar Plow Truck #83

Stanchina expressed the opinion that it would be optimal to rebuild Truck #83 due to it being a 4x4 and having low miles. He communicated that it would be financially advantageous to utilize the annual allotment that is intended to save for the purchase of a plow truck to rebuild Truck #83. Stanchina explained that the rebuild could be awarded without sealed bids since the work is considered maintenance services. Stanchina affirmed that there is not a local vendor who provides the necessary rebuilding services.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the rebuild of Paystar Plow Truck #83 in an amount not to exceed \$47,975.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Understanding with POLC Re: Detective Appointment

Stanchina asserted that the current labor contract requires the most senior employee to be designated at the detective. He requested that a letter of understanding be approved allowing the Police Chief to assign the detective position.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the letter of understanding regarding the assignment of a Detective from the Lieutenant's unit, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Purchase Re: Walker Lawnmower

Stanchina asked that the City Council approve the purchase of a Walker Lawnmower for the Cemetery due to it having a rear discharge and collection system. He estimated that the cost of a new mower would be \$15,298, after trading in the 1996 Kubota.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Zolner to purchase a Walker Lawnmower in the amount of \$15,298 after trade-in.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Skate Park

Stanchina announced that the City was the highest bidder on the City of Marquette's used skate park equipment. He noted that the next step is to procure delivery of the equipment.

House Donation

Stanchina conveyed that Wells Fargo may be interested in donating a house to the City. Moraska, Stanchina and Alessandrini supported the idea of re-selling the property and using the proceeds to further fund the remediation of blighted homes. Stanchina confirmed that the proceeds from the sale of a home would only have restricted use if a trust was established. Revord advocated for the establishment of a City of Iron Mountain Brownfield Authority.

Rotary Club Request

Stanchina presented a request from Jeff DeRidder of the Rotary Club concerning a request to hold a fundraiser that would include a vehicle going through the ice of the East Chapin Pit.

Jeff DeRidder – Rotary Club Representative

He explained the process they would follow to gain approval and run the event. List objected to the potential traffic distraction and increased liability. Stanchina imparted that he would research the City's liability due to this event.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to authorize the Rotary Club to utilize the East Chapin Pit for a vehicle falling through the ice fundraiser, contingent upon liability insurance requirements.

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

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

Police and Fire Civil Service Commission

Stanchina stated the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission will be meeting to discuss the minimum qualifications to test, exam approval process and testing date for the Director of Police and Fire Services position.

940 East H Street

Stanchina reported that the house at 940 E. H Street is being demolished. Alessandrini indicated that the basement will be removed when demolition is complete.

Medical Marijuana

Stanchina outlined the proposed house bill regarding the sale and distribution of medical marijuana. He suggested that the City Council consider zoning requirements for provisional centers in the event the house bill passes. It was concluded that Pirkola, Revord, List, Alessandrini and required staff would sit on a committee to review this issue.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

List reported that the Bargaining Committee had met.

Public Comment

Chuck Lantz – Director of Veteran's Affairs for Dickinson County

Lantz thanked the City Council for considering the purchase of military service time.

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Jay Goudreau – 1201 Grant Street (Niagara, WI)

Goudreau expressed his appreciation for the City Council considering his request to purchase military time.

Bill Yeack - N2184 Pearney Lane (Norway, MI)

Yeack conveyed his appreciation for the City Councils willingness to consider his request to purchase military time.

Council Member Privilege

Zolner suggested that falcons could be used to address this City's pigeon problem. Stanchina relayed that the pigeon issue is being actively reviewed by City staff.

Stanchina indicated that the grass adjacent to the walking trail is slated to be mowed in the near future.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the school drop off at the Bishop Baraga Catholic School.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer