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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

Alessandrini welcomed the students from the Iron Mountain High School Government Class.

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 September 2, 2014

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Special Presentation

Resolution of Appreciation Re: Retirement of Bill Yeack

Alessandrini presented Bill Yeack's Resolution of Appreciation.

Old Business

None

New Business

City Park MDNR Trust Fund Grant Update

Kevin Trevillian, Project Manager, reported on the fiscal status of the City Park Improvement Project's funding. He announced that the local match for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant has been exceeded. Alessandrini suggested that the remaining grant funds be used to purchase playground equipment. Trevillian indicated that one more project extension could be requested. Alessandrini commended Champion Concrete for their donation toward the concrete slab for the new skate park. Moraska stated that the installation of the fence around the deer pen must be completed.

Discussion of a Donated Pavilion Re: City Park

Brandon Maki, Maki family representative, detailed a proposal to donate a 28'x40' pavilion to be constructed adjacent to the deer pen at City Park. He imparted that the pavilion would be in memory of Bradley Maki, former City of Iron Mountain Department of Public Works employee. Brandon Maki noted that the proposed location is due to Bradley Maki's enjoyment of the deer pen. Maki requested that the City provide the required excavation and electrical utilities for the pavilion.

Moraska voiced the opinion that it would be preferable to locate a pavilion at the top of the hill as to allow a better view of the deer pen. Stanchina offered the idea that locating the pavilion at the top of the hill would allow a view of the athletic fields and the deer pen, thus increasing utilization.

Moraska, Zolner and Alessandrini communicated their appreciation for the family's donation.

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It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to accept the Maki family's donation and work with the family on the construction of a Bradley Maki Memorial Pavilion.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish a Public Hearing for Sale of City Real Estate Re: Mr. Harry Rahoi

Stanchina submitted Mr. Harry Rahoi's request to purchase City-owned real estate to the City Council.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to establish a public hearing on October 6, 2104, for the sale of City-owned real estate to Mr. Harry Rahoi.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Accepting Timber Ridge Rd. as a Public Road

Stanchina presented a request to accept Timber Ridge Road as a public road. He indicated that there could be future expansion to the east.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to move forward with the acceptance of Timber Ridge Road as a public road.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amendment to City Policies Re: Military Service Credit

Stanchina detailed the amendments to the Military Service Credit Policy, as submitted. He requested that the originally requested deadline to participate in the program be amended from January 1, 1992, to January 1, 1997, as to coordinate with the Michigan Employees' Retirement System. Stanchina confirmed that five current employees could potentially utilize this policy.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to amend the City of Iron Mountain's Military Service Credit Policy, as presented, with the alteration of the ineligibility date of January 1, 1997.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Issued Cellular Device Policy

Stanchina offered the City-issued Cellular Device Policy for Council approval. Revord expressed the opinion that it would be preferable to solely authorize the City Manager to review cellular usage due to the sensitivity of certain telephone records. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to adopt the proposed City-issued Cellular Device Policy with the inclusion of the City Manager having the sole authority to review cellular usage.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase a Pickup Truck for the Water Department

Stanchina imparted that funds have been budgeted for the purchase of a Ford F250 4x2 and that the purchase price is expected to increase when the MI Deal price is re-bid on October 31, 2014.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the purchase of a 2014 Ford F250 4x2 at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

August Claims and Payroll

Moraska communicated that the Claims and Payroll were satisfactory. Stanchina noted that the City purchased a used 2007 Chevy Silverado pickup truck from CCI at a cost of \$4,750.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$330,450.21 and Claims in the amount of \$841,432.08 with net claims being \$559,634.75.

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

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

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City Manager Reports

SAW Grant

Stanchina announced that the City has been awarded a SAW Grant in the amount of \$795,146 and that the local match is \$79,515.

Kingsford High School Cross Country

Stanchina relayed the Kingsford High School Athletic Department's appreciation for the use of City Park to host recent cross country meets.

Emergency Funds

Stanchina conveyed that no community in Dickinson County was awarded emergency funds for last winter due to a clerical misinterpretation and that the situation is being presented to legislative representatives.

City Park Improvement Project

Stanchina reported that the disc golf course at City Park is nearly completed and that the construction of the skate park is underway.

Paving

Stanchina highlighted the status of the City's current paving projects.

Stanchina explained the reason the owner of 608 Vulcan Street must apply for a variance on their proposed project.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola relayed that he is researching the regulation of provisional centers and will present information at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Revord conveyed that the Planning Commission is reviewing the Master Plan and discussing the City's sidewalk policy/plan. Stanchina stated that he has spoken with Steve Mulka regarding the Commission's recommendations to address blight.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Zolner, Moraska and Alessandrini congratulated Yeack on his retirement.


Moraska suggested that the stand of Jack Pines near the new bathrooms at City Park be removed as they are dead and pose a safety hazard.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer