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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Moraska, Villa & Zolner

Absent: Council Members Coe, List & Revord

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

Alessandrini welcomed the Iron Mountain High School students to the City Council Meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that “Assignment of Lease Re: Boss Snowplow” and “Consideration of Rezoning from R-1 to R-3 Re: 30 40 30, SW of SE (Located around Phil Rahoi Dr.)” be added as items number nine and 10 under New Business, respectively.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Bruce Rosen – 1307 S. Hemlock St.

Rosen highlighted the importance of proper safety equipment being utilized by bike riders during evening hours.

Carol Schneider – 405 W. D St.

Schneider noted the importance of testing soil for contamination prior to the beginning of construction. She conveyed that the construction sites located at the former C Street Field have been experiencing water problems.

Special Presentation

Audit Presentation Re: Year Ended June 30, 2014

Dave Maccoux, Partner, and Scott Sternhagen, Manager, from Schenck SC presented the City’s annual audit for the period ending June 30, 2014. Maccoux indicated that a bound copy of the audit will be produced once the G.A.S.B. 67 portion is complete.

Bartolameolli detailed the year-end balances within the City’s General Fund.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Re: Provisional Centers

Stanchina imparted that the zoning amendment would require provisional centers to be permitted in an I-2 Zoning District by Special Use Permit only, allowing each application to be reviewed individually. He stressed that the proposed zoning amendment would not prohibit the City from deciding to allow/not allow provisional centers in the future if State legislation permits.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Kathleen Parkinson – 200 W. Ludington St.

Parkinson encouraged the City Council to not allow any provisional centers within the City.

Carol Schneider – 405 W. D St.

Schneider reiterated the opinion that provisional centers should not be permitted within the City.

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Sid Rosen – 100 w. F St.

Rosen relayed that provisional centers should be permissible within the City as medical marijuana has been shown to be effective in treating certain medical conditions.

Dave Fraser – 414 w. Fleshiem St.

Fraser attested to the positive effects of medical marijuana. He communicated the idea that regulations ensure improved products, for those who utilize medical marijuana, and increased governmental oversight.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Adoption Re: Provisional Centers

Alessandrini and Villa supported allowing provisional centers on the basis that they provide an option to obtain legal medical marijuana. Zolner and Stanchina expressed their disapproval for the current system that is used to provide medical marijuana. Moraska stated his objection to allowing provisional centers within the City. Stanchina confirmed that the legislature is most likely going to approve legislation regarding the establishment of provisional centers.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to amend the zoning ordinance to allow provisional centers in an I-2 Zoning District by Special Use Permit.

Alessandrini	Aye
Moraska	Nay
Villa	Aye
Zolner	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-3, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

New Business

Approval of Resolution Opposing the Current FERC Ruling Re: Presque Isle Power Plant

Stanchina recommended that the City Council approve a resolution opposing the allocation of the additional costs required to keep the Presque Isle Power Plant open due to a recent Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission ruling.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the resolution opposing the current allocation of the additional costs required to keep the Presque Isle Power Plant in operation, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Policy Re: Fund Balance

Stanchina explained that the City’s auditors recently suggested that the City create a policy requiring a minimum unassigned fund balance of no less than 25% of the subsequent year’s budgeted expenditures and outgoing transfers.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to adopt the City policy regarding fund balance.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Settlement Agreement Re: IAFF, AFL-CIO Local #554

Stanchina outlined the proposed settlement agreement with the IAFF, AFL-CIO Local #554.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to accept the settlement agreement with the IAFF, AFL-CIO Local #554, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Application #1 and #2 Bacco Construction Re: 2014 Street Improvements

Stanchina submitted and detailed payment applications for Bacco Construction’s portion of the 2014 street improvements.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to pay Application #1 and #2 in the amount of \$296,103.61.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Contribution Request Re: Share Your Christmas

Stanchina verified that a contribution to the Share Your Christmas program is budgeted. He raised the concern that the contribution is illegal.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve a contribution to the Share Your Christmas program in the amount of \$300.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Tower Lease Assignment Agreement Re: Range Corporation

Stanchina informed the City Council that the tower lease assignment for Range Corporation is due to a name change. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Zolner to approve the tower lease assignment agreement for Range Corporation, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Close City Hall Offices Re: Day After Thanksgiving

Stanchina asked that the City Hall Offices be closed the day after Thanksgiving. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the closure of City Hall on November 28, 2104.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Appointment Re: Central Landfill Authority

Stanchina announced that he must be formally appointed to the Central Landfill Authority. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to appoint Stanchina to the Central Landfill Authority for a two-year term to expire on November 3, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Assignment of Lease Re: Boss Snowplow

Stanchina reviewed the proposed lease assignment for the City-owned parking lot adjacent to the Boss Snowplow facility due to Boss Snowplow being purchased by the Toro Company.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the assignment of lease for Boss Snowplow, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Rezoning from R1 to R3 Re: 30 40 30, SW of SE (Located around Phil Rahoi Dr.)

Alessandrini suggested that the Public Hearing regarding the rezoning of the of the land located at 30 40 30, SW of SE , also known as the land located around Phil Rahoi Drive, be withdrawn and represented after the holidays as to allow further consideration.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to withdraw the Public Hearing regarding the rezoning of the land located at 30 40 30, SW of SE.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Medallion Management Meeting

Stanchina invited the City Council and public to attend the informational meeting for the proposed Medallion Management Project at 6:00 p.m. on November 12, 2014.

Deer Management Program

Stanchina reported that 29 deer have been harvested though October 31, 2014.

DPW Retirement

Stanchina notified the City Council that Jay Goudreau has announced his retirement and that his last working day is November 12, 2014.

Leaf Pickup

Stanchina stated that two trucks will be picking up leaves beginning Monday.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina noted that a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is not necessary as all the City Park Improvement Project funds have been expended.

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Public Comment

Carol Schneider – 405 W. D St.

Schneider inquired as to the manner in which a provisional center operates.

Council Member Privilege

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac F. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer