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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Coe, Moraska & Revord

Absent: Council Members List & Villa

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Discussion of Land Bank Development" and "Appointment to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission Re: Marilyn Schultz" be added under New Business as items four and five, respectively.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the minutes of December 15, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approval of City Park Trail Use Re: Hearts and Soles of 906 Fundraiser

Debbie McKinzie presented her request to utilize the trails and an outbuilding at City Park for a cross-country ski and snowshoe event that would raise money to purchase both athletic shoes for local youth and a new trail groomer for City Park. She asked if it would be possible for the City to plow back some snow to provide additional parking spaces.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to approve the request by Hearts and Soles of 906 to hold a fundraiser at City Park on February 28, 2015, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Dogs and Cats At-Large

Ed Mattson, Acting Director of Police and Fire Services, highlighted the need for an ordinance addressing dogs and cats at-large. He asserted that it would be preferable to have the penalty for the violation of Dogs and Cats At-Large be a civil infraction. Mattson confirmed that the goal of enacting an ordinance would be to address situations where consistent violations are occurring.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to direct the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance regarding Dogs and Cats At-Large.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Natural Gas Contract Terms

Stanchina imparted that the City's natural gas contract is coming due and that he would like pre-authorization to enter into another natural gas contract. He conveyed that he would not enter into a contract for a term longer than three years or a rate higher than \$.437 per CCF.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to pre-approve the administration to secure a natural gas contract with terms not to exceed 3 years or \$.437 per CCF.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Discussion of Land Bank Development

Alessandrini suggested that the City rally local support for the development of a county-wide land bank. He expressed the opinion that Dickinson County may be more likely to establish a land bank if several jurisdictions send a resolution. Revord relayed that it may be better to meet with the other local units of government and create a joint resolution. Stanchina stated that the bigger issue may be the distant location of the tax sales as they make it more challenging for local people to purchase tax-foreclosed properties. It was concluded that Stanchina would find out why the tax-foreclosure auctions are not held locally and plan a meeting with the cities of Norway and Kingsford regarding this matter.

Appointment to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission Re: Marilyn Schultz

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to appoint Marilyn Schultz to a four-year term on the Iron Mountain Housing Commission to expire on January 9, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Vacant City Council Member Position

Stanchina noted that the vacant City Council Member position has been advertised.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola verified that the second DuPont Imprelis claims settlement is being processed.

Pirkola introduced Mouw & Celello's new staff member, Tony Cavalieri, and asked that he be appointed as an Assistant City Attorney. He explained that Cavalieri's appointment would not cost the City additional funds and would aid in the completion of the City's legal matters.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve Tony Cavalieri as an Assistant City Attorney.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Coe welcomed Tony Cavalieri.

Alessandrini offered Moraska his condolences.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer