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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Alessandrini welcomed Blomquist to the City Council.

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 January 19, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the minutes of January 19, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Dogs and Cats At-Large Ordinance

Stanchina explained that the purpose of the proposed ordinance is to regulate dogs and cats at-large within the City.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consideration of Adoption Re: Dogs and Cats At-Large Ordinance

Stanchina confirmed that the Police Department would not require additional training due to the passing of the Dogs and Cats At-Large Ordinance. Officers would use discretion during enforcement and utilize animal control when possible. Moraska objected to the enforceability of the ordinance and urged the City Council to table this issue. Alessandrini, List, Villa, Revord and Blomquist supported the approval of the ordinance.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to adopt the Dogs and Cats At-Large Ordinance, as presented.

Blomquist Aye

Coe Aye

Villa Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Revord Aye

List Aye

Moraska Nay

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

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New Business

Discussion of YMCA's Land Purchase Request

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the YMCA's request to purchase City property to the west of their current facility. He imparted that the baseball field would have to be relocated due to the grant funding that was used to build the West Side baseball field. Stanchina suggested that it would be preferable to solicit input regarding the proposed land sale before beginning the real estate sales process. He verified that the City would work with the baseball organization regarding the relocation of the field and that the field being relocated would only have to have an equivalent use to meet the grant criteria.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to advertise an informational session regarding the sale and relocation of the West Side Ball Field.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of DDA Appointment Re: Ashley Boyer

Stanchina recommended that Ashley Boyer, Marketing Director for First National Bank of Iron Mountain/Kingsford, be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to appoint Ashley Boyer to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 4, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Sealed Bids Re: Well #4 Rehabilitation and Pump Replacement

Stanchina presented a request to solicit bids to replace a pump at Well #4, with the possibility of rehabilitating the well. He estimated that the maximum cost of the project would be \$35,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to solicit bids for the pump replacement and rehabilitation of Well #4.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Travel Expenses Re: City Manager Training Opportunity

Stanchina requested approval to attend a "Fundamentals of Engineering for Non-Engineers" training in Madison, WI.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to authorize the City Manager to attend a "Fundamentals of Engineering for Non-Engineers" training in Madison, WI, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Re: Fire Department Turnout Gear

Stanchina detailed a request to purchase Fire Department turnout gear through a Department of Natural Resources Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant. He conveyed that turnout gear must be replaced every 10 years.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the quote and purchase of six sets of turnout gear.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

DuPont Imprelis Settlement

Stanchina reported that the City had received the second Imprelis settlement check in the amount of \$60,750. He relayed that the City may have to pay for tree removal out of the settlement funds.

SAW Grant Update

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the SAW Grant process, specifically the selection of a Global Information System package.

CFO Position

Stanchina noted that the City is still searching for candidates for the Chief Financial Officer position. He highlighted the areas where the position has been posted. The Council discussed the possibility of posting the position at the university level.

Pirkola indicated that the property line resolution between the City and Mouw and Celello is underway.

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City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Dickinson County Construction Code Commission

Alessandrini reviewed the minutes from the January Dickinson County Construction Code Commission meeting.

Public Comment

Diane Luczak – N3850 Pine Mountain Road

Luczak communicated the idea that it would be preferable to require animals to be on a leash at all times, including on private property. Stanchina clarified that the ordinance would most likely be enforced on a complaint basis.

Council Member Privilege

Blomquist raised the issue of developing a land bank. Stanchina stated that a meeting regarding this topic is being arranged.

Villa announced that additional volunteers are needed for Friends of City Park.

Alessandrini asked that the committee appointment list for the City Council include the meetings' locations and times.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer