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

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Villa

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Confirmation of Appointment Re: Chief Financial Officer Heather Lieburn" be added as item number five under New Business.

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 February 16, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the minutes of February 16, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Award Re: Well #4 Rehabilitation and Pump Replacement

Stanchina recommended that Layne be awarded the Well #4 rehabilitation and pump replacement bid at a cost of \$21,988 for pump replacement and \$7,500 for chemical well treatment, if necessary.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to award the bid to Layne at a cost of \$21,988 for pump replacement and \$7,500 for chemical well treatment, if necessary.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Discussion of Disc Golf Course Fundraiser Re: Almost Home Animal Shelter

Nancy Schaub and Eric Willman, Almost Home Animal Shelter Representatives, presented a request to close the disc golf course at City Park for an animal shelter fundraiser on June 20, 2015, with an alternate date of June 21, 2015. Alessandrini imparted that the athletic fields at City Park have an irrigation system and that it would not be ideal to place stakes or weighted blocks on the fields. Willman clarified that they would not be interested in utilizing the area adjacent to the City Park Pavilion due to the distance from the start of the disc golf course.

Moraska indicated that the concession stand adjacent to the athletic fields would be available for their use during the fundraiser. Willman stated that he has arranged for a world record setting dog and owner disc golf team to attend the fundraiser.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to exempt Davy Whippet from the leash requirements on the day of the Almost Home Animal Shelter fundraiser and authorize the closure of the disc golf course at City Park on June 20, 2015, or June 21, 2015, pending proper liability insurance and City Manager authorization.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: MSU Extension

Stanchina submitted a request for a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental for the MSU Extension event on May 2, 2015.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to authorize a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental for the MSU Extension event on May 2, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Resolution of Support of Proposal 1

Stanchina reviewed Proposal 1 and noted how it would affect the City. Alessandrini communicated that he does not approve of Proposal 1 as it would increase taxation. Revord and Moraska supported the Resolution of Support for Proposal 1. Blomquist and List objected to the City Council taking a position on Proposal 1.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the Resolution of Support for Proposal 1, as presented.

Coe	Nay
List	Nay
Moraska	Aye
Alessandrini	Nay
Revord	Aye
Blomquist	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-4, Abstain-0)

Authorization to Solicit Proposals Re: Janitorial Services

Stanchina requested that the Council authorize the solicitation of proposals for janitorial services. Alessandrini stressed the importance of bi-annual service reviews.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to authorize the City Manager to solicit proposals for janitorial services, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Confirmation of Appointment Re: Chief Financial Officer Heather Lieburn

Stanchina asked that Heather Lieburn be appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer at step one in the salary schedule in the amount of \$47,906 per year. Revord announced that he will be abstaining due to Lieburn being a family relation through marriage.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to appoint Heather Lieburn to the position of Chief Financial Officer at step one in the salary schedule in the amount of \$47,906 per year, pending the successful completion of a background check and pre-employment health screening.

Coe	Aye
List	Aye
Moraska	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Abstain
Blomquist	Aye

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

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Water Infrastructure

Stanchina reported that several frozen lines have occurred, predominately due to snow cover being removed.

Arbitration with Patrol Unit (POAM)

Stanchina notified the Council that arbitration has been scheduled regarding the Patrol Unit's contract.

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Solid Waste Authority

Stanchina highlighted the City's concern due to reduced tonnage.

Rental Housing

Stanchina stated that the rental housing inspections are running well.

Tree Purchase

Stanchina relayed that the City will be considering the purchase of trees, for City use, through the City's Street Tree program.

Letter of Appreciation

Moraska voiced his appreciation for the employees' efforts while working with the Days Inn and Country Inn and Suites. He asked that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the employees to whom the letter addressed.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina confirmed that the annual paving projects are typically determined in May, after the funding level is determined.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer