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

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Coe

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Cavalieri & City Manager Stanchina (*via speaker phone at 6:33 ~~7:33~~ p.m.*)

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Re: Megan Blomquist" be added as item six under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Receive and Open Proposals Re: Janitorial Services

Alessandrini imparted that the only bid to be reviewed was from Sparkle Cleaning with a monthly fee for service of \$962, carpet cleaning of \$.33 per square foot and an out-of-scope or call-out rate of \$37.00 per hour. Stanchina clarified that the contract length will be an item staff will have to consider.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to refer the bid to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual Re: Director of Police and Fire Services

Stanchina reviewed the amendments to the Administrative Policy Manual.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to adopt the amendments to the Administrative Policy Manual, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of DDA Contribution

Stanchina explained that the Council has approved \$5,000 to be paid to either the Dickinson Area Partnership of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). He suggested that a decision be made as to whether or not the funds should be expended and to whom. Stanchina verified that budgeted funds can be moved at the Council's discretion. Moraska and Villa asserted that all available funds should be directed toward road maintenance.

Alessandrini and Revord supported the DDA's development efforts. He noted that the City Council has not formally stated a lack of association with the Dickinson Area Partnership. Moraska stressed the importance of good roads in economic development. Blomquist advocated for the DDA's efforts. He communicated that aesthetics and the rehabilitation of facilities are also significant factors in downtown development.

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Megan Blomquist – 632 Woodward Ave.

Blomquist highlighted the DDA's plans to address the increasing vacancy rate. She expressed her appreciation for any assistance the City Council can offer.

Mike Nicometo – 427 S. Stephenson Ave.

Nicometo indicated the need to address "Trailing Spouse" concerns when considering employee recruitment. He conveyed the importance of working together toward the goal of improving the downtown. Nicometo confirmed that the DDA is self-sufficient, but appreciates the City's support.

Moraska relayed the opinion that the City should be focusing on funding essential items first.

Barb Kramer – 135 Bradley St.

Kramer outlined the importance of developing a central gathering place within the downtown and the upcoming plans for a joint fundraiser between the DDA and Friends of the Braumart.

Megan Blomquist informed the City Council that the DDA is currently working on a vacancy inventory for the downtown.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to contribute \$5,000 to the Downtown Development Authority.

Moraska	Nay
List	Aye
Revord	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Villa	Nay
Blomquist	Aye

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

Establish a Public Hearing Date Re: Purchase of a Squad Car via Rural Development

Stanchina presented a request to hold a public hearing for the purchase of a squad car through a USDA Rural Development grant. He estimated that the grant would covers around 23%.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to authorize a public hearing for the submission of a Rural Development Grant application for a police squad car on April 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: IM-K Community Schools

Stanchina offered a request from the IM-K Community Schools for a donation toward the Summer Recreation Program in the amount of \$3,000 for Council approval.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to donate \$3,000 to the IM-K Community School's Summer Recreation Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No-Charge Use of City Park Pavilion Re: DIISD Head Start Picnic

Stanchina stated that the Dickinson Iron Intermediate School District has requested a no-charge use of the City Park Pavilion on May 21, 2015, for a Head Start picnic.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve a no-charge use of the City Park Pavilion on May 21, 2015, for a Head Start picnic.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Re: Megan Blomquist

Alessandrini imparted that two opening were advertised and that Megan Blomquist submitted a letter of interest. It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to appoint Megan Blomquist to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 4, 2019.

Moraska Aye
List Aye
Revord Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Villa Aye
Blomquist Abstain

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

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

At-Large Council Vacancy

Stanchina announced that the deadline to submit petitions and affidavits of identity for the upcoming City General Election is April 21, 2015.

DPW Mechanic Exam

Stanchina notified the Council that a Civil Service exam will be held on April 29, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for a mechanic due to the retirement of Gary Lefebvre.

S.A.W. Grant

Stanchina reported that the marking of manhole covers is being undertaken as part of the S.A.W. Grant

River Avenue Property

Stanchina communicated that he has forwarded all the applicable paperwork to the partners of Mouw and Ceello regarding the determination of property boundaries over the former River Avenue property.

YMCA Expansion

Stanchina updated that City Council on the status of determining the cost of a replacement Little League ball field.

Development of a Land Bank

Alessandrini detailed the meeting between the Consolidated Services Committee and officials from Dickinson County regarding the development of a land bank. Stanchina raised the issue of holding local auctions.

City Attorney Reports

Moraska inquired as to the status of Mouw and Ceello's review of the proposed River Avenue property boundaries.

Committee Reports

Villa reported that the Mountain View Ice Arena is doing well fiscally and that they are making improvements to the facility.

Alessandrini relayed that there will be a budget meeting on April 13, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

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Council Member Privilege

Villa expressed her appreciation for leaves being picked up in the near future, weather permitting.

Moraska imparted his support for the Downtown Development Authority despite his lack of support toward a financial contribution from the City.

Alessandrini highlighted the need for additional people to express an interest is sitting on the City Council.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer