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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Members Coe (*Entered at 6:35 p.m.*)

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 13, 2015" be added as item two under Approval of Minutes and that "Amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual Re: Director of Police and Fire Services" be added as item eight 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 April 6, 2015

Villa noted that the minutes should have stated (via speaker phone at 6:33 p.m.) not (via speaker phone at 7:33 p.m.) regarding the City Manager's attendance.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 13, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Carol Schneider - 405 W. D Street

Schneider communicated her disapproval of the noise, fumes and negative aesthetics caused by the excessive use of off-road vehicles in her neighborhood. Pirkola imparted that a violation of the noise ordinance may be the only issue the City can enforce. He suggested that Schneider may want to consider a remedy though a civil suit. It was concluded that Schneider would meet with Acting Director of Police and Fire Services Mattson regarding this matter.

She expressed the concern that the homes being built across the street from her will not include storage. Stanchina confirmed that the City of Iron Mountain does not require storage to be constructed when a new house is built in town. He conveyed that requiring a storage facility to accompany the construction of a new home should be reviewed by the City.

Public Hearing

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

Stanchina detailed the proposed specifications for a squad car purchase through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant Program.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

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Old Business

None

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2015 Dodge Charger AWD Police Package

Stanchina verified that the squad car cannot be bid out until the Rural Development Grant Program receives their allocation from the Federal Government.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to solicit bids for a 2015 Dodge Charger AWD Police Package once the funds become available or authorized by the Rural Development Grant Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish a Public Hearing for an Industrial Development Facilities Exemption Re: Northern Star Industries, Inc.

Stanchina presented a request from Northern Star Industries for tax abatement through the City's Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Policy. Stanchina asserted that the new abatement would not extend their previously awarded abatement.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to set a Public Hearing for an Industrial Facilities Tax exemption for Northern Star Industries Inc on May 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Obtaining a K-9 Re: Police Department

Ed Mattson, Acting Director of Police and Fire Services, highlighted the need for a police K-9. He offered a funding strategy that would include significant fundraising. Mattson stated that the K-9 would be cared for by a police officer. Moraska, Revord, List and Alessandrini voiced their support for the procurement of a police K-9.

Mattson indicated that the K-9 would experience higher than normal use initially, but that he or his deputy would ensure that the use of the K-9 is not being abused. He clarified that the City would have to determine if it is beneficial to train a new handler given the situation where the current k-9 handler is required to take extended leave. Revord stressed that the City will be covering the ongoing costs of a police K-9, while the fundraising efforts will cover the initial expenses.

Lisa Richards – 801 S. Hemlock Street

Richards thanked the Council for considering the purchase of a police K-9. She encouraged the City Council to support a K-9 program.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to move forward on the purchase of a police K-9.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Awarding Contract Re: Janitorial Services

Stanchina outlined the sole proposal from Sparkle Cleaning for janitorial services at the City Hall and Department of Public Works facilities. He recommended that the part-time staff at the Police Department be given a pay increase of \$.70 per hour to perform the additional cleaning duties.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve a contract with Sparkle Cleaning and Maintenance in the monthly amount of \$693.33 for the cleaning of City Hall and the Department of Public Works facilities, as bid, and to increase the wages of the part-time staff at the Police Department in compensation for cleaning duties as of May 1, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Fire Hydrants

Stanchina notified the City Council that there is \$10,000 remaining in the budget for the purchase of fire hydrants and requested authorization to purchase four hydrants with the available funds. Stanchina estimated that there are less than 20 hydrants in need of replacement.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to purchase four hydrants from the lowest responsibly priced vendor.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of City Policy #90 Re: Public Inspection of Records

Stanchina informed the City Council that the State Tax Commission is performing an AMAR review of all Assessing Departments within Dickinson and Iron Counties and that the adoption of a public inspection policy is part of the review.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to adopt Policy #90, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Adoption of City Policy #91 Re: Freedom of Information Act

Stanchina submitted a legislatively required policy regarding the Freedom of Information Act for Council Approval. He reviewed the recommended policy as provided by the Michigan Municipal League.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to adopt Policy #91, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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

Stanchina explained the amendment regarding the Director of Police and Fire Services being able to return to his previous position within five years from the creation of the Director of Police and Fire Services position.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual regarding the Director of Police and Fire Services, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

December Claims and Payroll

Stanchina relayed that the highlighted area indicates Downtown Development Authority claims.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$275,709.49 and Claims in the amount of \$563,359.04 with net claims being \$327,228.56 with the exception of check #60372.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

White Pine Seedlings

Stanchina announced that the conservation district has White Pine seedlings available for planting on City property. It was concluded that the Council has no objection to planting seedlings at City Park.

River Avenue

Stanchina reported the current status of the vacation of the River Avenue property. Pirkola raised the issue of parking lot related issues when considering the vacation of the River Avenue property.

YMCA

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the project, specifically the cost of relocating the baseball field.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Infrastructure Committee

Stanchina noted that the Infrastructure Committee had met to discuss the procurement of a police K-9.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

List thanked Mattson and Richards for explaining the police K-9 project.

Coe apologized for arriving late.

Revord wished Mattson luck on the Police K-9 project.

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Closed Session Re: Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to move into Closed Session at 7:47 p.m.

Moraska Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Villa Aye

Coe Aye

List Aye

Revord Aye

Blomquist Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the tentative agreement with the Patrol Unit (POAM), as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer