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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Villa

Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola & City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 22, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the minutes of April 22, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 28, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Special Presentation

Resolution of Recognition Re: Department of Public Works Motor Pool Working Foreman/Mechanic Gary Lefebvre
Alessandrini presented Gary Lefebvre with a Resolution of Appreciation and a watch for his service as Department of Public Works Motor Pool Working Foreman/Mechanic.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve Gary Lefebvre's Resolution of Appreciation, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Hearing

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

Al Bloniarz and Jon Harry, Northern Star Industries representatives, outlined their current and future expansion plans. Stanchina relayed that the expansion would include an additional 69,000 square feet.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

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Old Business

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

Alessandrini stressed the value of the jobs that will be created through the company's expansion. Revord thanked Northern Star Industries for building in Iron Mountain.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve Northern Star Industries' facilities exemption and all appropriate paperwork as required by P.A. 128.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Consideration of Street Light Request Re: Mr. Robert Forgette

Stanchina detailed Forgette's request for two street lights. He recommended that the street light at location number one, located at the end of Ridgeview Drive, be approved while the approval of street light at location number two is being considered.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the street light at location number one, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Admission Fee for City Park Re: August 8th Saturday in the Park

Stanchina requested that an admission fee of \$5.00 be required for admittance to City Park on August 8, 2015, for a fundraising event. He asked that the disc golf course also be closed to the public so that a fundraising tournament can be held.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to authorize a \$5.00 admission fee for City Park and close the disc golf courses as part of a fundraising event on August 8, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Camp 911

Stanchina submitted a request by Camp 911 to use the City Park pavilion at no charge on June 16, 2015, and June 17, 2015.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to approve a no-charge pavilion rental for Camp 911 on June 16, 2015, and June 17, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC)

Stanchina announced that the Iron Mountain Fire Department has been rated a 4 by the ISO. He imparted that an increase in ISO rating can positively affect insurance premiums. The City Council communicated their appreciation for the City staff's efforts to receive the improved ISO rating and asked that a letter of appreciation be sent.

Spring Solid Waste Drop-Off

Stanchina notified the City Council of the upcoming solid waste drop-off.

City Park Skate Park

Stanchina conveyed that the City is in the process of having the DNR approve the quote for the blasting and repainting of the skate park equipment. He outlined the remaining items that must be completed on the project.

August Election for County Operating Millage

Stanchina reported that Dickinson County is going to be placing a proposal on the ballot in August to increase their operating millage by 1.5 mills. He indicated that they are intending to reimburse the election costs. Revord requested that a written confirmation be provided regarding the County reimbursing election costs. Stanchina confirmed that the City is statutorily obligated to hold the election, despite the level of reimbursement.

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River Avenue

Stanchina communicated that he is awaiting a response from the partners of Mouw and Celello regarding the determination of property boundaries over the former River Avenue property.

YMCA Expansion

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

DDA Workshop

Stanchina detailed the redevelopment ready training he attended through the Downtown Development Authority. Blomquist voiced his support for the ideas that are contained within the redevelopment ready concept.

Leaf Pick-Up / Street Sweeping

Stanchina reported that leaf pick-up is under way and that street sweeping is ahead of schedule.

Paving /Potholes

Stanchina verified that he is planning to address potholes within the alleys.

Garbage Collection Moving

Stanchina noted that garbage collection is moving back to the alleys beginning May 11, 2015.

Place Making Workshop

Stanchina invited the City Council to a placemaking workshop that will be taking place at City Hall.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola explained the qualifications and process one must undertake to obtain a dock permit. He raised a concern regarding the misinterpretation of a permit as an easement. Moraska objected to the concept of issuing private dock permits off public land. Alessandrini and Revord inquired as to the viability of a municipal dock. It was concluded that the City Attorney would review this situation further.

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Labor Relations Committee needs to meet with the Department of Public Works Union Representatives to establish initial proposals and determine ground rules for negotiations.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Blomquist informed the City Council of the status of the development of a dog park within the City as it was discussed by the Planning Commission.

Coe highlighted the need to ban non-City sponsored hunting within the city limits.

Alessandrini and Coe encouraged the public to vote in the election May 5, 2015.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer