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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Assistant City Attorney Cavalieri, Chief Financial Officer Lieburn & Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Consideration of Parking Lot Closure Re: Farmer's Market" and "Consideration of Parking Lot Closure Re: Out to Lunch" be added as items 11 and 12 under New Business, respectively.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Pete Anderson – 1224 Lakeside Dr.

Anderson presented the background information regarding his request for a dock permit.

Public Hearing

Adoption of the FYE June 30, 2016 Budget

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

Adoption of the FYE June 30, 2016 Budget

Stanchina detailed the proposed FYE June 30, 2016, budget. He noted that the General Fund is budgeted to have expenses in excess of revenue in the amount of \$155,751; primarily due to the inclusion of additional paving projects and increases in health insurance expenses. Stanchina highlighted the City's reduced staffing levels and the Motor Vehicle and Equipment Fund's advances. He imparted that the five-year forecast was very helpful to the budgeting process. Alessandrini thanked the staff for their efforts on the budget.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the General Appropriations Act 2015-2016, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance Re: MMRMA

Stanchina reviewed the renewal proposal for the City's property and liability insurance through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). He highlighted the additional grant opportunities offered by MMRMA and the significant decreases in premiums.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to renew the City's property and liability insurance with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority at a cost of \$80,268.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Lift Station Pumps

Stanchina submitted a request to solicit at least three prices for authorization to purchase two pumps each for the lift stations located at Pelham Street and Crystal Lake Boulevard and West D and Beech Streets.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to authorize the purchase of four pumps, through the solicitation of three prices, for the lift stations located at Pelham and Crystal Lake Boulevard and West D and Beech Streets.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Deadline Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant City Park

Stanchina informed the City Council that two additional grant extensions are required for the City Park Improvement Project through the MDNR Trust Fund Grant. He indicated that the sandblasting/painting of the skate park equipment has been approved and that two grant extensions must be approved. The first extension would be from November 2014 to May 2015 and the second is from May 2015 to November 2015.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve an extension for the City Park Improvement Project through the MDNR Trust Fund Grant from November of 2014 to May of 2015 and May of 2015 to November of 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Dock Permit Re: Lake Antoine Dock Policy

Stanchina reviewed the proposed "Lake Antoine Dock License." Cavalieri conveyed that the City Policy should be included as Exhibit C. He verified that the City is insured to protect against liability due to the placement of a dock. Stanchina clarified that proof of insurance would be required annually. He stressed that the City can always alter the practice of offering dock permits in the future.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to adopt the "Lake Antoine Dock License" as part of the Lake Antoine Dock Policy.

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

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

Planning Commission Appointment Re: Mrs. Megan Blomquist

Stanchina recommended the appointment of Mrs. Megan Blomquist to the Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 19, 2018.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to appoint Mrs. Megan Blomquist to the Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire on May 19, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Memorial Day Route

Stanchina offered a request by the Office of Veteran's Affairs to authorize the closure of US-2 for a Memorial Day parade on May 25, 2015, beginning at 8:20 a.m.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to authorize the closure of US-2 for a Memorial Day parade on May 25, 2015, between at 8:20 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Parade Route and Contribution Re: 4th of July Parade

Stanchina presented a request by the Americans for Constitutional Enforcement (A.C.E.) for a contribution toward liability insurance and street closures for the July 4, 2015, parade. Alessandrini asserted that he had not received a copy of their profit and loss statement for the parade showing that funds are not being used toward their political agenda.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the July 4, 2015, parade route, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Revord, Villa, Blomquist, List and Moraska voiced their support for a contribution of \$287.50 toward liability insurance for the July 4, 2015, parade.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Moraska to approve a contribution of \$287.50 toward liability insurance for the July 4, 2015, parade.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Street Closure Re: Immaculate Conception Church

Stanchina outlined a request by the Immaculate Conception Church to close a portion of Pewabic Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between June 22, 2015, and June 26, 2015, for Vacation Bible School. Moraska objected to the precedent that would be set.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to close a portion of Pewabic Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between June 22, 2015, and June 26, 2015, for Vacation Bible School, as presented.

Moraska Nay

List Aye

Revord Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Villa Aye

Coe Aye

Blomquist Aye

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

No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Bishop Baraga School

Stanchina recommended that a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental be approved for the Bishop Baraga School on May 29, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It was moved by Villa and supported by List to approve a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental for the Bishop Baraga School on May 29, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Parking Lot Closure Re: Farmer's Market

Stanchina detailed a request for the closure of the parking lot area located at the intersection of Iron Mountain Street and A Street, specifically the parking area adjacent to East A Street, for the Downtown Development Authority's annual Farmers and Artisans Market. Alessandrini indicated his concern for parking congestion due to the proposed location.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to authorize the closure of the City parking located at the intersection of Iron Mountain Street and A Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., every Saturday between June 6, 2015, and October 17, 2015 for the Farmer's and Artisans Market.

Moraska Nay

List Aye

Revord Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Villa Aye

Coe Aye

Blomquist Aye

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

Consideration of Parking Lot Closure Re: Out to Lunch

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Stanchina submitted a parking lot closure request for the City parking lot at the intersection of East Hughitt Street and Iron Mountain Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., every Thursday between June 4, 2015 and August 13, 2015, for the Out to Lunch summer concert series.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to authorize the closure of the City parking lot at the intersection of east Hughitt Street and Iron Mountain Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., every Thursday between June 4, 2015 and August 13, 2015, for the Out to Lunch summer concert series.

Moraska Nay

List Aye

Revord Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Villa Aye

Coe Aye

Blomquist Aye

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

Reports

Financial Reports

Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report

Bartolameolli reviewed the Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report.

April Claims and Payroll

Stanchina stated that overtime has increased in the Police Department due to the open slot, medical leave, family sick leave usage and training.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Blomquist to approve Payroll in the amount of \$288,638.42 and Claims in the amount of \$676,078.95 with net claims being \$298,673.64.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

YMCA

Stanchina relayed that he has received the numbers for the cost of relocating the West Side Ball Field and that the Parks and Recreation Committee should meet to review them. He raised the idea of placing an extra field on the north side rather than the east side. Stanchina conveyed that parking would not be a concern if an additional field were added to the North Side Ball Field complex.

Conservation District

Stanchina informed the City Council of the Conservation District's request to remove Garlic Mustard from City Park and the cemetery at no cost to the City.

Pit Diving

Stanchina imparted a request from the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Rotary Club to scuba dive to the bottom of the Chapin Pit and gain insight into its history. Revord, Moraska and List voiced their concerns for allowing diving in the Chapin Pit.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to deny the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Rotary Club's request to scuba dive to the bottom of the Chapin Pit.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Tribunal Article

Stanchina outlined the article regarding the method by which the black box tax tribunal decisions are made and how they affect local jurisdictions.

August Lilja Memorial Trust

Alessandrini asked if it would be necessary for the City to address signage/fencing at the area that the August Lilja Memorial Trust improved along the Chapin Pit.

City Attorney Reports

None

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Committee Reports

Planning Commission

Blomquist offered a request by the Planning Commission, on the behalf of the Zoning/Code Enforcement Supervisor Steve Mulka, to allocate up to eight hours of part-time labor to assist in code enforcement during the summer months. Blomquist questioned the validity of the City Council considering this issue. Moraska communicated his disapproval for the manner in which Mulka forwarded his request to the City Council.

Blomquist reported that the Planning Commission will be considering a sidewalk clearing ordinance. He specified that the objective would be for the home owner, not the City, to clear the sidewalk.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer