

City of Iron Mountain

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members List, Revord, Villa & Blomquist

Absent: Council Members Moraska & Coe

Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola & City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Falcon's Fund" be added to "New Business" as item number eight.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2015

It was moved by Villa and supported by List to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Tina Pirlot – 603 W. Fleshiem St.

Pirlot questioned the practice and amount of notice regarding the removal of benches and other items at the Cemetery. Stanchina explained that the number, type and location of benches were an issue due to maintenance and durability concerns. He confirmed that stealing benches is prohibited regardless of their location within Cemetery Park. Stanchina asserted that a misplaced off-site headstone was given to the Cemetery Sexton by a resident and that he had made efforts to return it to the family.

Old Business

None

New Business

Consideration of Health Insurance Premium Cost Savings

Stanchina detailed the concept of using "Seamless HRA Funding" and the City's financial ramifications. He estimated that the program would save the City \$183,145.98. Stanchina offered the idea utilizing Teladoc for the Council's future consideration.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the addition of a Seamless HRA Wrap to the City's current health insurance plan for current employees and under-65 retirees.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Rate Increase Re: IM-K Joint Sewage Board

Stanchina presented a request to increase sewage rates by 2%, or \$.40 per 1,000 cuft., in an effort to maintain the current revenue. He noted that there was a decrease in revenue due to reduced usage. Stanchina conveyed that large-scale commercial users are considered when increases are proposed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve a \$.40 per 1,000 cuft. sewage rate increase.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Service Agreement Amendment Re: P.J. Kortens and Company, Inc.

Stanchina outlined a request to amend the agreement with P.J. Kortens to allow for two less site visits per year, saving the City \$120 per month. He indicated that the remaining four visits would be coordinated with the City of Kingsford and that the same number of working hours would most likely be maintained.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the "Revised Service Agreement 2015" with PJ Kortens and Company, Inc. in the amount of \$365 per month.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2015-2016 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League

Stanchina reviewed a request from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) for 2015-2016 dues in the amount of \$4,321.

It was moved by Villa and supported by List to authorize the payment of 2015-2016 MML dues in the amount of \$4,321.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of SAW Grant Invoice Re: Coleman Engineering

Stanchina submitted a SAW Grant invoice from Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$15,784.50 for City Council approval. He relayed that the City will be reimbursed 90% of the cost. Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the SAW Grant project.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Coleman Engineering Invoice in the amount of \$15,784.50 of which the City will be reimbursed 90% by the DEQ.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Donation Re: July 4th Fireworks Show

Stanchina recommended that the City Council approve a donation of \$500 toward the annual Fourth of July fireworks show.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to approve a donation of \$500 toward the annual Fourth of July fireworks show.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Street Closures Re: First National Bank Half-Marathon

Stanchina requested that the street closures for the First National Bank Half-Marathon be approved, as requested. He imparted that the Half-Marathon will be followed by an Oktoberfest event.

It was moved by Villa and supported by List to approve the closure of East A Street between Stephenson Avenue and the west curb of Iron Mountain Street, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and the far east lane of Stephenson Avenue from A Street to Third Street, between 8:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., on September 12, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Falcon's Fund

Stanchina presented a request by Salon 323 to close the parking lot behind the 300 block of Stephenson Avenue, located between Mellon Chiropractic and Sikora Sheet Metal, on June 28, 2015, to host a fundraiser with the Iron Mountain Police Department for Falcon's Fund.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to approve the closure request by Salon 323 to close the parking lot behind the 300 block of Stephenson Avenue, located between Mellon Chiropractic and Sikora Sheet Metal, on June 28, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

City Park Skate Park

Stanchina outlined the remaining steps that are required for the installation of the skate park at City Park.

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August Election Reimbursement

Stanchina informed that City Council that the Dickinson County Clerk has confirmed that the County will reimburse for the August election's expenses.

YMCA Expansion

Stanchina stated that the YMCA has withdrawn their interest in relocating the West Side Baseball Field and that they will be amending their survey.

Cleaning Service Update

Stanchina clarified that Sparkle Cleaning has been doing a sufficient job of cleaning City Hall and the Department of Public Works Facility.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Alessandrini communicated that the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission has experienced an increase in building permits.

Public Comment

Tina Pirlot – 603 W. Fleshiem St.

Pirlot highlighted some confusing language on the sign posted at the Cemetery regarding the placement of benches. Stanchina stated that the removed benches could be placed indoors until they are claimed.

Steve Altobelli – W8952 Frei Dr.

Altobelli voiced his disapproval for the manner in which the grass is being cut at Cemetery Park.

Council Member Privilege

Villa expressed the opinion that the failure to remove rummage sale signs should result in a fine.

Alessandrini congratulated WE Energies for 50 years with no lost time.

Stanchina verified that the annual paving list is typically determined in July.

Closed Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy Concerning American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to move into Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.

Alessandrini Aye

Villa Aye

Blomquist Aye

List Aye

Revord Aye

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

Executive Session ended at 8:02 p.m.

It was moved by Villa and supported by List to accept the proposed contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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