

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen

Present: Council Members Burke, Farragh, Alessandrini, Corombos, Peterson and Rosen.

Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola

Agenda

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to approve the agenda as submitted with an addition as follows:

VI. New Business

1. Surplus City Equipment
9. Town and Country Letter

Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2009 were approved as submitted

Public Comment

Richard Abraham – N3332 Pine Mountain Rd. – He requested permission to hold a parade on the 4th of July. The parade will start in Kingsford and come down Woodward Ave. lastly; he expressed his feelings on the lack of participation in an event with an Arizona Sheriff that was speaking on the power Sheriffs have. He conveyed that the council should have had a better showing at the event. City Manager Stanchina informed Mr. Adraham he needed to submit a formal request in writing for the parade route approval.

Lucy Shampo – 1001 S. Kimberly Ave. – Very successful drop off last Saturday, 3 roll off boxes of scrap metal were collected. She suggested that the city promote a trash to treasure day one week before clean up, could reduce clean up costs. She also added a comment that many cities have programs similar to this.

Old Business

None

New Business

Equipment Auction

Stanchina led the opening of bids for the cities surplus equipment, was advertised in the paper. The motion was made to accept the individual highest bid that exceeds the minimum bid; ties will be pulled at the next meeting. It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

F Street Reconstruction

Stanchina requested authorization to solicit bids for the F Street reconstruction. The cost will be: water main at \$80,000, sanitary system at \$60,000, and \$175,000 for curb, street, and gutter. The motion was made to authorize the solicitation of bids for the F Street project. The TIFA district will pay for their representative area. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business (Cont...)

Well telemetry upgrade

Stanchina presented information on how the hardware connecting the computer to the city well needs to be upgraded to an Ethernet port, from its current serial port. This upgrade will decrease malfunctions due to data transfer rates and allow for remote maintenance of the system. PJ Kotens is the only place that can really manage this type of system. The cost is under \$3,500. Only this well needs to be upgraded. The motion was to have the City Manager, Stanchina, determine what supplier to procure parts from and to move forward with the project. It was moved by Rosen and supported by Burke.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Budget Hearing

There was a motion put on the floor by Mr. Stanchina to hold a budget hearing for the 2010 budget on May 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM. It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade

There was a request to approve a route for the Memorial Day parade. It will start on Ludington at 8:20 am and leave Ludington at 8:40. Next, the parade will continue to Stephenson, stopping in front of the court house on US2 for 40 minutes. When the ceremony concludes, the parade will continue down Cedar St. concluding at the V.A. It was moved by Burke and supported by Peterson that we grant the street closures for the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Upper Peninsula Legion Convention Parade

The parade will start at the V.A. and heads west on H Street, North on Carpenter Street, East on C Street, and South on River Street. The parade will end in front of the Legion Hall and the street will remain closed for 2 hours, allowing for a ceremony and concert. It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the street closure for the parade route as noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Well Pump Screen Replacement

Stanchina said, while the well was being repaired it was shown that the bottom half of the intake area was depredated due to mineral deposits. This problem brings downs the gallons of water you can pull out of the ground and limits the life of the pumps. Since well 1 and 2 are so close, the cleaning of the screens can't be done with chemicals, so it is more expensive. Due to the nature of this repair, it will cost the city less to do the repair now. The motion is to approve this additional repair project, as to not exceed \$6,340. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Water Bond Money

Mr. Stanchina stated that we need to spend the remaining water bond money left over from the tank project, just under 5 years ago. The plan is to spend \$56,000 on a reimbursement to the utility fund, \$33,000 on hydrants and fittings and the remaining \$126,000 on the upcoming bond payment. The motion was to authorize the use of the water bond money as laid out in the memo by CFO Bartolameolli. It was moved by Rosen and supported by Farragh.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business (Cont...)

Town & Country Motors Correspondence

Alessandrini reported on a correspondence that was sent to him from Town & Country Motors regarding procurement on a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department. They noted there was a difference in what the awarded company provided the city and what the city was billed for. City Manager Stanchina is taking this under advisement.

Reports

City Manager Reports

1. Mr. Stanchina said that Governor Granholm is planning to cut revenue sharing by 40 million dollars this coming year, about 8% for each community.
2. A 5 year street paving program is being considered. A study has been done to see what each area will cost. F Street was already approved this evening. Maps of the roads were provided at the council meeting, as well as the council members provided with a packet. Stanchina is considering just cutting out the intersections.
3. There is a 6 PM TIFA budget meeting Tuesday.
4. Last week of garbage pick up in the front of the homes, going back to the alley
5. Spring drop off is starting next Monday. They take house hold waste. City Manager Stanchina is taking trash to treasure under consideration.
6. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is offering an infrastructure capacity enhancement (ICE) program through a community development block grant (CDBG). City Manager Stanchina is looking at this projects feasibility.
7. Peterson asked about a bunch of pipe at Champion. City Manager Stanchina said the project is a 5th lane project, funded by the state of Michigan. The Fire Chief needs to be consulted on this project and the location of the hydrants.

City Attorney Reports

1. Pirkola recommended we consider how we are going to renegotiate the tower leases, several contracts are close to expiration. There was a motion made to refer this matter to the technology committee. The motion was moved by Rosen.
2. Doug Rigoni through an article in The Daily news made claims that the city conducted illegal activity regarding the TIFA pass through process. Rosen asked Pirkola what legal recourse the council has against these published comments. Pirkola thought it would be best to not react to this allegation. Rosen challenged Rigoni to provide proof to back the allegation. Doug Rigoni was not present at the council meeting.

Committee Reports

Technology Committee

- 1 City Manager Stanchina stated that the cost of the main fiber optic line for the new phone system came in much higher than planned. The existing pole needs to be replaced to run the line as planned. He conveyed that a less expensive solution was being researched.
- 2 Tina spoke about what she knows on the wind workshop she attended. They brought a conference to the Upper Peninsula, so our businesses will have a chance to look at this option. She already presented this information to the EDA

Public Comment

Lucy Shampo - 1001 S. Kimberly Ave – when and where can people take hazardous waste? She stated that this community only gets one hour a month, 9-10am on Tuesday. She suggested we set up a twice a year Saturday drive to allow for hazardous waste collection.

Julie Olson – 212 4th St. - she is the American Legion parade coordinator. She wanted to thank us for allowing them to have their parade.

Council Member Privilege

Farragh – felt that we should get the flag pole at the Timbers Motor Lodge painted. It will cost between \$700 and \$800 to get the pole painted. A motion was made that the pole be painted before Memorial Day. It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke.

Motion prevailed unanimously

Alessandrini – A Side walk project was completed on Grand Blvd. The project was done under the vision 20/20 program. The city took up the old sidewalk, the property owners paid for the cement and the labor was done by Michigan Labor Training. Overall, each home owner paid \$180 for all their sidewalks to be replaced.

Adjournment

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Farragh that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer