

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, August 17, 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, City Attorney Pirkola, Chief Financial Officer Lieburn & Chief Financial Officer Bartolameo

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Discussion of State Police Lease" be added to New Business as item seven. 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 August 3, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the minutes of August 3, 2015, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Proposal Opening Re: Engineering Consultant for 1400 and 1500 Blocks of West Hughitt Street

Stanchina opened the following proposals:

	Total	Construction Engineering	Project Design
GEI Consultants, Inc.	\$18,142	\$10,600	\$7,542
Coleman Engineering	\$29,636	\$10,568	\$19,068
U.P. Engineers & Architects	\$30,200	\$16,422	\$13,778

Referred to Infrastructure Committee

Bid Award Re: Pickup Truck for the Water Department

Stanchina announced that the 2016 Dodge Ram half-ton pickup truck from Riverside Auto Sales was the low bid at \$19,652.

It was moved by Coe and supported by Moraska to award the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Ram half-ton pickup truck to Riverside Auto Sales at a cost of \$19,652.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Award Re: One-Ton Pickup Truck and Dump Box for DPW

Stanchina recommended that a Ford F350 with Monroe box be purchased from Town and Country Sales at a cost of \$24,335 and \$7,635, respectively. He indicated that the purchase price was below budget.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to award the purchase of a Ford F350 with Monroe box to Town and Country Sales at a cost of \$31,985, including title fee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Bid Rejection Re: Resurfacing of North Side Tennis Courts

Stanchina relayed that it would be best to reject the sole bid due to the cost and timing of the project. It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to reject the bid for the North Side Tennis Court.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Adoption of Resolution Re: Grass Cutting Special Assessments

Stanchina presented three special assessments for grass cutting: 701 Houghteling Street, 510 Houghteling Street and 812 Wells Street. He imparted that State law requires the special assessments on 812 Wells Street and 510 Houghteling Street to be dismissed due to the foreclosure process.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to adopt the Special Assessment for 701 Houghteling Street in the amount of \$221.62, with a 10% penalty for payment after 30 days.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to waive the Special Assessments on 812 Wells and 510 Houghteling Streets due to the tax foreclosure statute.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Right-of-Way Lease Re: 1160 Carpenter Ave., Kingsford, MI

Stanchina explained that the building at 1160 Carpenter Avenue, Kingsford MI, is located in sewer creek right-of-way and that the lease needs to be reassigned to the new owner as part of an upcoming sale.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Blomquist to approve the sewer creek lease right-of-way assignment regarding the property located at 1160 Carpenter Avenue, Kingsford, MI, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Purchase Agreement Revert Clause Extension Re: Bill Neuens Enterprises LLC

Stanchina communicated that it would be preferable to extend the revert clause for Bill Neuens Enterprises in the purchase agreement for the former Zephyr Gas Station due to unforeseen circumstances and substantial site improvements. Moraska expressed his concern for setting precedence.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Moraska to approve an extension of the revert clause on the purchase agreement for the former Zephyr Gas Station property between the City of Iron Mountain and Bill Neuens Enterprises until December 1, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of a Special Use Permit Approval Re: Bill Neuens Enterprise LLC

Stanchina reviewed a Special Use request by Bill Neuens Enterprises and a recommendation by the Iron Mountain Planning Commission regarding the construction of a drive-through coffee shop on the site of the former Zephyr Gas Station.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to grant the Special Use for Bill Neuens Enterprises to construct a drive-through coffee shop on the site of the former Zephyr Gas Station, as presented, with the inclusion of a landscaping plan, signage plan and non-transparent dumpster screening.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Travel for City Manager Re: Fall UP Managers' Meeting

Stanchina asked that the City Council approve a travel allowance for the fall UP Managers' meeting.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the City Manager to attend the fall UP Managers' meeting at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Travel for City Attorney Re: MAMA Upper Peninsula Conference

Stanchina conveyed a request by the City Attorney to attend a Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys' conference in Marquette, MI. He noted that the cost would be split with Mouw and Celello.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve travel for the City Attorney to attend a Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys' conference in Marquette, MI, at a cost not to exceed \$150.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Discussion of State Police Lease

Stanchina outlined a renewal request by the State Police to extend the lease at their Iron Mountain facility for three, five-year terms. He supported the renewal request at the same rate due to the police coverage the State Police Post provides for the City of Iron Mountain. Pirkola confirmed that the lease can be extended by amending the current lease.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to amend the current lease for the State Police Post to include three additional five-year terms at the current rate.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

July Claims and Payroll

Moraska submitted the July Claims and Payroll to the City Council for approval.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$359,500.85 and Claims in the amount of \$2,940,581.14 with net claims being \$419,077.67.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Police Department Equipment Sale

Stanchina suggested that the City of Iron Mountain sell the vest that was ordered for Office Matt Brouillette to his current employer, the City of Kingsford. It was purchased less than one year ago at a cost of \$650.00 and was custom made for Brouillette. Pirkola verified that there would be no need to require the City of Kingsford to assume the liability of the integrity of the vest.

It was moved by Moraska and Supported by Coe to approve the sale of Officer Matt Brouillette's vest to the City of Kingsford at a cost of \$650.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Skate Park

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the skate parks completion. Stanchina asserted that the skate park rules will be strictly enforced.

YMCA Option

Stanchina presented a copy of the Option to Purchase between the City of Iron Mountain and the YMCA for council review.

Police Department

Stanchina reported that Office Matt Brouillette's last day of work will be August 9, 2015, and that Officer Luke Hamlin will start on August 24, 2015.

Tree Trimming

Stanchina stated that an anonymous donor donated the funds for Cheshire & Associates to trim the trees in the downtown area.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Crystal Wescher - 427 Millie Street

Wescher raised a concern for the condition of the alley that is used as the sole point of entry for six families, including her home. She stressed that the alley is in a state of severe disrepair.

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Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini thanked those whom donated to the skate park project. He reiterated the importance of the tax foreclosure auctions being held locally. Moraska agreed with Alessandrini's position.

Coe thanked Alessandrini for his efforts on the skate park. He also voiced his appreciation for the Friends of City Park's fundraising efforts.

Villa highlighted the importance of not dumping yard waste on City Park property. Revord and List echoed Coe's sentiments regarding the success of Saturday in the Park.

Moraska commended the anonymous donor for the donation of tree trimming services in the downtown area and for showing community spirit.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer