

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, September 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Coe

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Blomquist to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 15, 2015

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve the minutes of September 15, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Opening of Proposals Re: Engineering Consultant for 1200 Block of Crystal Lake Blvd.

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	Cost	w/combining Hughitt St. Project
Colman Engineering Company	\$17,801	
GEI Consultants	\$22,250	\$18,500
U.P. Engineers and Architects	\$19,390	

Stanchina stated that the bids would be reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee and City staff.

New Business

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Bartolameolli presented General Fund reserves for approval. Alessandrini congratulated the City staff on their budgetary management.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Moraska to approve the General Fund reserves, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Group Participation Re: MERS Healthcare Savings Program

Stanchina explained how the MERS Healthcare Savings Program will save both the City and employee on funds that were saved for future healthcare expenses.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to adopt the MERS Healthcare Savings Program Participation Agreement, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval to Solicit Cost Proposals Re: Forest Management Consultant

Stanchina requested that the City solicit cost proposals for a forest management consultant as there is City property that may benefit from select cutting.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to authorize the City Manager or his designee to solicit cost proposals for a forest management consultant.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Street and Alley Closure Request by First National Bank Re: "Hometown Rivalry Kickoff"

Stanchina asked that Ludington Street from Stephenson Avenue to the alley east of the bank and the alley between the bank and the Sandstone Building be closed on October 7, 2015, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the closure of Ludington Street from Stephenson Avenue to the alley east of the bank and the alley between the bank and the Sandstone Building on October 7, 2015, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Re: Dun-Rite Asphalt Sealing

Stanchina outlined the Dun-Rite Asphalt Sealing invoice.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve a payment to Dun-Rite Asphalt Sealing in the amount of \$19,306.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Resolutions Re: Grass Cutting Special Assessments

Stanchina detailed a request to special assess 308 4th Street, 809 East B Street, 720 N. Kimberly Avenue and 709 Wells Street for grass mowing. He indicated that the charges incurred to mow 214 West F Street would have to be waived due to tax foreclosure. Alessandrini imparted that there should be an additional fee for repeat offenders.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to adopt a special assessment for 308 4th Street, 809 East B Street, 720 N. Kimberly Avenue and 709 Wells Street for grass mowing, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to waive the special assessment for 214 West F Street for grass mowing in the amount of \$90.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

August Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$288,748.06 and Claims in the amount of \$5,427,877.48 with net claims being \$280,093.16.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina noted that all the Crop Damage Permits have been distributed and that Deer Management Assistance Permits will begin on October 1, 2015.

DPW Staffing

Stanchina informed the City Council that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has a vacancy due to a resignation and that he and the DPW Director are in the process of hiring a new employee.

Police Department Staffing

Stanchina conveyed that the City Civil Service Commission has conducted the Entry Level Police Officer exam and that Director Mattson feels he will be able to make an employment offer within the next two weeks.

Mine Inspector

Stanchina reported on a meeting that was held between the City of Iron Mountain and the Dickinson County Mine Inspector.

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Smoke Testing

Stanchina relayed that the City will be smoke testing sewer lines as part of the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant. He stressed that drains with a dry trap could allow the non-toxic fog to pass into a home.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Infrastructure Committee

Revord communicated that the mine inspector is preparing a list of mine-related projects by priority.

Public Comment

Pam Maule – 604 West B Street

Maule expressed her appreciation for the student's initiative to attend a City Council meeting. She questioned the status of the dark store initiative that originated in the Marquette area.

Council Member Privilege

List voiced the opinion that it is preferable to have C Street closed down for an extended period of time for repair rather than it not being repaired.

Moraska wished Linda Lobeck of the Iron Mountain Daily News a happy birthday.

Alessandrini announced the upcoming Oktoberfest event in the Iron Mountain downtown on September 26, 2015. He reviewed a letter that was presented as the last Dickinson County Board meeting concerning the establishment of a local tax foreclosure sale and/or a land bank. Alessandrini verified that Dickinson County would have governmental immunity regarding mine property.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer