

## *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, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Moraska, Revord & Coe

Absent: Council Members List, Villa & Blomquist

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2015*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Consideration of Option to Purchase Re: YMCA Land Purchase Request**

Alessandrini announced that the Public Hearing for the YMCA's land purchase request must be rescheduled due to the City Council not having 5/7<sup>th</sup> of the Council present for its approval. It was concluded that the Public Hearing would be rescheduled for November 2, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to reschedule the Public Hearing for the YMCA's land purchase request for November 2, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Old Business**

#### **Consideration of Option to Purchase Re: YMCA Land Purchase Request**

*No Action Taken*

#### **Award Engineering Services Contract Re: 1200 Block of Crystal Lake Blvd.**

Stanchina detailed the three proposals for engineering services that were received for the Crystal Lake Blvd. project. He recommended that the contract be awarded to Coleman Engineering at a cost of \$17,801.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to award the engineering services contract for the 1200 Block of Crystal Lake Blvd. to Coleman Engineering at a cost of \$17,801.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

#### **Authorization to Proceed Re: Organizing the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Waste Water Treatment Plant Under PA 233 of 1955 as an Authority**

Stanchina presented a memo composed by both a City of Kingsford and City of Iron Mountain representative regarding a request to organize the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Waste Water Treatment Plant as an authority under PA 233 of 1955 in an effort to move forward with the potential bonding for necessary capital improvements. He explained that proceeding with the organization under PA 233 of 1955 does not mean the Authority will be bonding for improvements. Stanchina imparted that it could be more cost effective to engage in capital improvements voluntarily rather than waiting until the improvements are required by the Department of Environmental Quality. He verified that the full faith and credit of each City would have to be

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pledged prior to the Authority being able to bond. Stanchina indicated that rate increases would be approved in the same manner they have been in the past.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to proceed with the organizing of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Waste Water Treatment Plant under PA 233 of 1955.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Consideration of Resolution Re: Homeless Awareness Week**

The Chair of the Dickinson/Iron County Planning Group, Bonnie Pelto, requested that the City adopt a resolution declaring November 14-22, 2015, as Homeless Awareness Week. She communicated the gravity of the homeless situation in Dickinson County.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to adopt a resolution declaring November 14-22, 2015, as Homeless Awareness Week.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Payment Re: 1<sup>st</sup> Down Tree Service**

Stanchina conveyed that 1<sup>st</sup> Down Tree Service removed 21 trees, ground 23 stumps and restored 23 sites for the City at a cost of \$7,320 as authorized by the City Council.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve a payment to 1<sup>st</sup> Down Tree Service in the amount of \$7,320.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Write-Off Re: Uncollectible Accounts Receivable**

Stanchina offered \$3,010.74 in uncollectible accounts receivables for City Council approval. He asserted that better usage of the single-lot assessment has resulted in less uncollectible accounts receivable.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivables in the amount of \$3,010.74.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Deer Management*

Stanchina informed the City Council that 16 deer have been harvested through the Deer Management Program thus far.

#### *DPW Staffing*

Stanchina stated that an employment offer has been made to Ed Armburst to fill the vacant position in the DPW.

#### *Police Department Staffing*

Stanchina notified the City Council that the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission have established a new Civil Service list and an offer for employment has been made to Garth Budek. He noted that his first day will be October 14, 2015.

#### *Tax Foreclosed Property*

Stanchina relayed that 214 W. F Street and 510 Houghtelling Street did not sell in the final round of the tax sale for a minimum bid. Alessandrini reported that Iron County has now opted in and are holding their own foreclosure sales.

#### *Toro/Boss Snow Plow*

Stanchina highlighted the donation of a new mower by Toro to the City. Revord suggested that the City send Toro a welcome to the community gift.

#### *Paving Program*

Stanchina stated that paving has begun within the City. He estimated that the base course should be completed by Wednesday and that the DPW is working on paving and subgrade restorations.

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*Street Lights*

Alessandrini reported several street lights that are out within the City. Stanchina noted that lights can either be reported to the DPW or on WE Energies' website.

**City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola detailed his recent municipal attorneys' training.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

*Pam Maule – 604 W. B Street*

Maule suggested that Linda Lobeck make mention of the WE Energies light reporting utility on their website.

**Council Member Privilege**

Alessandrini expressed the opinion that the Police and Fire Departments did a good job on the most recent North Side fire.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer