



## CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN \*CITY COUNCIL \*FEBRUARY 15, 2016

### **Discussion of DDA Millage Renewal**

Stanchina presented a recommendation by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to renew their millage at a rate of 1.5 mills. He imparted his supported-for the DDA's efforts toward a Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

Revord suggested that those currently in the Downtown Development District (DDD) be surveyed as to their opinions regarding the benefits of being in the DDA. Blomquist questioned the process of defining the boundaries of the DDD. Stanchina communicated the opinion that asking if individual businesses want to opt in or out of the DDD would not clarify whether or not the boundaries of the district should be altered.

### *Megan Blomquist – DDA Chairperson*

M. Blomquist conveyed that the DDA is going to focus on gathering public input for operations and recruiting/retaining businesses within the district. She expressed the opinion that a two-year millage renewal would be preferable to a one-year.

Revord clarified that his objective would be to survey the entire Carpenter Avenue area and based on the results decide whether or not the entire Carpenter Avenue area would remain in the DDD. Blomquist stressed the importance of the DDA maintaining their current level of funding. M. Blomquist highlighted the benefits the DDA creates. Pirkola verified that the DDD cannot be extended to the whole city.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve a levy of 1.5 mills annually for the Downtown Development Authority for a period of two years.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Mid-Year Budget Amendment**

Stanchina explained that the costs associated with Falcon, purchase of turnout gear, purchase of wood chips, street paving and equipment rental affected the budget.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Coe to adopt the Mid-Year Budget Amendment.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Authorization to Solicit Construction Bids Re: Hughitt St. Project**

Stanchina requested that the City Council authorize the solicitation of construction bids for the Hughitt Street Project.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to solicit construction bids for the reconstruction of the 1400 and 1500 blocks of West Hughitt Street.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Adoption of Resolutions Re: Utility Bill Special Assessment**

Stanchina noted that the purpose of using a special assessment for the included utility bills is to avoid the utility bills becoming uncollectable in the foreclosure process.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Coe to adopt special assessments for 824 E. H Street, 309 E. Fleshiem Street and 506 6<sup>th</sup> Street for delinquent utility bills.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

#### **Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ending 12/31/2015**

Lieburn asserted that the revenue and expenditures concerning health insurance will be off due to the use of HRAs.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to place the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2015, on file.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **January Claims and Payroll**

Stanchina indicated that \$127,000 of the \$285,511.83 in net claims is attributable to health insurance.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Stohl to approve Payroll in the amount of \$347,473.21 and Claims in the amount of \$1,132,259.05 with net claims being \$285,511.83.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**City Manager Reports**

*5-Year Recreation Plan*

Stanchina reported that 19 responses have been received. He encouraged more individuals to take the survey.

*Water Meter Replacements*

Stanchina informed the City Council that 110 water meters have currently been replaced.

*City Park Pavilion Update*

Stanchina announced that the City Park Pavilion's floor is being refinished by the DPW.

*Water Let Runs*

Stanchina relayed that no let runs have been activated by the Water Department due to the mild winter.

Stanchina confirmed that the Dodge Ram pickup trucks that the City purchased were delayed and that the City received equipment of equivalent value in lieu of receiving cash from the late delivery clause.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Friends of City Park*

Alessandrini invited those who are interested to the Friends of City Park meeting on February 24, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Blomquist suggested that the DDA report quarterly to the City Council.

Stohl noted that he received one "no" and one "yes" vote for the relocation of Ward 2 and Ward 3 polling locations.

Stanchina confirmed that the City is working on the issues as outlined by the Dickinson County Mine Inspector. He inquired as to the status of the City's property being logged.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer