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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Stohl & Blomquist

Absent: Council Member Coe

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that “Sister City Presentation” and “Update on 25 Location Park Upgrade” be added as items one and two under New Business, respectively.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Stohl to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Maule noted two repeated words within the “One-Year Tank Pollution Liability Coverage Re: Crum and Foster” agenda item. She suggested that additional information be included as to the location of the Neu Cup for historical reference.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the minutes of June 20, 2016, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lola Johnson – Kingsford, MI

Johnson voiced the opinion that the City of Iron Mountain should keep Act 78 as part of the City Charter.

Old Business

None

New Business

Sister City Presentation

Mr. Albert Santoni of Iron Mountain, Michigan, presented the idea of the City of Iron Mountain becoming a sister city with Sassoferrato, Italy. Santoni confirmed that he would be visiting Sassoferrato in August.

Update on 25 Location Park Upgrade

Beth Bray, Iron Mountain-Kingsford Kiwanis Club member, updated the City Council on the current progress and upcoming plans for the improvement of the 25 Location Park. Revord supported naming the 25 Location Park “Kiwanis Park.” Stanchina indicated that the park naming process could be reviewed and something could be ready for the next regular meeting.

Discussion of Ballot Proposal Re: City Charter Chapter VII. – Administrative Services, Sec. 7.11, Civil Service

Stanchina outlined the rationale for bring the removal of Act 78 from the City Charter to the voters. Revord expressed the opinion that the current Civil Service list is problematic in regards to candidate ability and availability. Revord and List supported the electorate considering this matter.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to adopt a resolution to place the removal of Act 78 from the City Charter on the ballot for voter consideration.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule

Stanchina recommended a 1.75% adjustment to the entire schedule and for all administrative employees, and for them to advance one step. He also recommended that all non-union/non-seasonal part-time employees receive an increase of 1.75% and that the two permanent part-time positions in the Police Department receive an additional \$.30 increase per hour. He verified that the administrative employees are evaluated during the course of the year.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by List to approve the adjustments to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of MERS Pension Contribution Increase Re: Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual

Stanchina conveyed that the MERS Pension contribution made by the administrative employees should be increased in order to be consistent with the collective bargaining units.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Blomquist to increase the MERS Pension contribution made by the administrative employees to 7.0%.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Hall and Police Department File Server upgrades

Stanchina raised the City's need to purchase new file servers for the City Hall, Police and Fire Departments, and Department of Public Works facilities in an effort to better store and protect data. He explained that since the entire City's facilities are connected by a dedicated fiber line, it would be possible to utilize an off-site redundant backup system for each of the City's facilities. Stanchina stated that the upgrades would be funded by an unexpected refund in liability insurance premiums.

Revord requested further information regarding the annual maintenance fee per server. Stanchina asserted that this item is not bid out as only one vendor really knows the City's computer system. He detailed the rationale for not utilizing a cloud system or solid hard drives.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve an upgrade to the City's file servers, as requested, at a cost of \$8,595 in equipment and up to \$3,200 in labor.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment to Positive Energy & Design Re: Police, Fire and City Hall LED Lighting Upgrade

Revord stressed the importance of lighting the Police Department sign in front of the Police and Fire Building.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Stohl to approve a payment to Positive Energy & Design, LLC, in the amount of \$9,622.78 for City Hall and \$11,557.23 for the Police & Fire Departments, pending the completion of the job.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association

Stanchina submitted a request for the City to approve the 2016-17 dues in the amount of \$300 for the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve 2016-17 dues in the amount of \$300 for the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DDA Appointment Re: Mr. Mark Klossner

Stanchina recommended the approval of Mr. Mark Klossner to the Downtown Development Authority.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to appoint Mr. Mark Klossner to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 4, 2020.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

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City Manager Reports

Northern Star Industries Tax Tribunal Update

Stanchina updated the City Council on the current status of the Northern Star Industries Tax Tribunal application. Alessandrini expressed the opinion that City services and improvements can't be maintained or increased if the tax roll is decreasing.

Invasive Species Pavement Marking

Stanchina relayed a request by a group interested in the eradication of invasive species to place pavement markings at the entrance to the City's Lake Antoine boat landing to place signage on the pavement.

Election Room Configuration

Stanchina announced that both Wards 2 and 3 will be housed within the City Council Chambers for the upcoming August election. Stanchina imparted it would be best to try the Council Chambers first as there are no additional costs to hosting both wards in the City Council Chambers.

City Attorney Reports

Stanchina notified the City Attorney that the Withers Broadcasting tower has not been removed, as required by the lease.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

None

Closed Session Re: IMPOA Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to move into closed session with possible action following.

Maule	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
List	Aye
Stohl	Aye
Revord	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the tentative agreement with the IMPOA effective July 1, 2016.

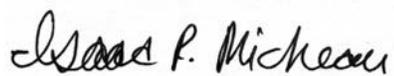
Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer