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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 15, 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, Chief Financial Officer Lieburn & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2016

Maule asked that additional detail be added regarding the funding of legal services due to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

It was moved by List and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Sale of City-Owned Real Estate Re: M.J. Electric

Stanchina detailed the real estate purchase request by M.J. Electric.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

Consider Sale of City-Owned Real Estate Re: M.J. Electric

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the sale of .127 acres of City-owned property adjacent to 640 Industrial Drive, as requested, to M. J. Electric at a cost of \$3,300 plus real estate sales fees.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: 2016 Paving

Stanchina opened the following bid:

Bacco Construction	\$158,835
Iron Mountain, MI	

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to award the 2016 paving bid to Bacco Construction in the amount of \$158,835, provided specifications have been met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Bid Opening Re: New Fire Department Pumper Truck

Stanchina opened the following bid:

	w/o Advance Payment	w/ Advance Payment
Pierce Manufacturing Appleton, WI	\$503,137	\$492,013

Stanchina indicated that he is reviewing the interest rates available through local banking intuitions and that he will bring the bid back to the City Council for consideration once staff review is complete.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to refer the Pierce Manufacturing bid to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Plow Truck

Stanchina imparted that there are funds available to purchase a new plow truck to replaced one of the City's Mack trucks. He relayed that it is preferable to replace the Mack trucks rather than refurbish them due to the cost of parts. Stanchina confirmed that the purchase of a new dump truck would include a stainless steel dump box and that bids will be due on September 6, 2016.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to solicit bids for a 4x2 plow truck with a stainless steel box.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discuss Disposing of 214 W. F St. (City-Owned)

Stanchina requested that the City sell the City's 214 W. F Street property to the owners of 216 W. F Street at a cost of \$1.00, contingent upon the house being demolished before snow fall. He suggested that the real estate sales policy be waived in this instance. Pirkola verified that the deed would initially be issued with a restriction and that the City Council would have to approve a waiver of the restriction once the house was demolished.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to waive the requirements of the City's real estate sales policy and set a Public Hearing for September 6, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DPW Director Job Description Amendment and Establish Salary Range

Stanchina presented an amendment to the DPW Director job description and salary range.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve the DPW Director job description, as outlined by the City Manager.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the DPW Director's salary range at \$62,500 to \$67,305.66.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Charitable Gaming License Re: Iron Mountain Athletic Boosters

Stanchina outlined a request by the Iron Mountain Athletic Boosters for the Iron Mountain City Council to approve a resolution to re-quality for charitable gaming status.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Iron Mountain Athletic Booster's resolution to re-quality for charitable gaming status, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DDA Appointment Re: Fay Mannon-Rahoi

Stanchina offered a letter of interest from Fay Mannon-Rahoi to serve on the Downtown Development Authority.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to appoint Fay Mannon-Rahoi to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 4, 2020.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of FY17 Dues Re: Northern Michigan Public Service Academy (NMPSA)

Stanchina recommended the approval of Fiscal Year 2017 dues to the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy at a cost of \$615.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Stohl to approve Fiscal Year 2017 dues to the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy at a cost of \$615.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Fire Hydrants

Stanchina conveyed that there is currently one hydrant in inventory and that there is \$25,000 in the budget to purchase additional units. Scott Thomas, Water Department Working Foreman, updated the City Council on the status of the City's fire hydrants. The Council discussed the current fire hydrants in inventory. He confirmed that the low quote met specifications.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to approve the purchase of 8 fire hydrants from HD Supply at a cost of \$19,200.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Resolution Re: Water Utility Special Assessment for 519 7th St.

Stanchina stated that the water meter at 519 7th Street was permitted to freeze by the property owner and that they have failed to pay the resulting fee. He explained the Special Assessment process. Stohl noted that the legal description within the resolution needs to be amended.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve the Special Assessment Resolution for 519 7th Street, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

July Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Stohl to approve Payroll in the amount of \$360,774.95 and Claims in the amount of \$1,664,210.89 with net claims being \$393,757.48.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Civil Service Ballot Language

Stanchina informed the City Council that the City's charter amendment language concerning the removal of Civil Service requirements for employment has been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Lead/Copper Test Results

Stanchina explained the testing method and results of the City water system's lead testing.

Treatment Plant Upgrades

Stanchina communicated that Iron Mountain and Kingsford City Councils should meet to review the scope of the treatment plant improvement project. He suggested that the meeting be held on August 29, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. at Kingsford City Hall.

SAW Grant Update

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the SAW Grant's sewer cleaning.

Purchase of Central School

Stanchina clarified that the Iron Mountain Public Schools just approved to bargain a purchase agreement and that the City has not negotiated anything at this time.

Alessandrini highlighted the amount of Police Department and Fire Department activity within the City. Revord confirmed that there is a fee for excessive false alarms when it concerns the Police Department. Stanchina explained the Neighborhood Improvement Grant program. Pirkola verified that the holding costs of vicious dog detainment and euthanasia is included as part of the ordinance fines.

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City Attorney Reports

Pirkola expressed the opinion that the former Withers Broadcasting tower is now considered abandoned and is owned by the City. Revord asserted that he would prefer to have a final letter sent to Withers Broadcasting stating that they have lost interest in the tower. Alessandrini supported the idea of leasing/selling the newly acquired tower.

Committee Reports

Alessandrini reported that he attended the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission meeting and that he will provide a copy of the meeting information to the City Clerk.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stohl commended the Caring House and Sol Blu for their events to support law enforcement.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer