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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Blomquist, Zemar & Saldana

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Alessandrini lead a moment of silence for those affected by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2018

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Purchase of a Fire Department Pickup Truck via Rural Development

Stanchina reviewed the rationale for the purchase of the new pickup.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

Introduction of Dickinson Area Economics Development Alliance (Alliance) Director Lois Ellis

Lois Ellis, Director of the Dickinson Area Economics Development Alliance (Alliance), introduced herself, detailed upcoming planning activities and explained the metrics by which outcomes will be measured. Alessandrini requested that the City Council receive a copy of the Alliance Board's minutes. Revord noted that the Board of Directors does not include a representative from the City of Iron Mountain or the Iron Mountain Public Schools. Stanchina imparted that the Board rotates governmental representation regularly and that the current representative is the City of Kingsford. Ellis highlighted additional opportunities for the City to participate in the Alliance. She stated that a primary goal of the Alliance is to facilitate an environment that is favorable to employee recruitment.

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Discussion of Ladder Truck

Stanchina presented an opportunity for the City to purchase a 1992 E-One Quint fire truck with a 110' aerial ladder at a cost of \$5,000. The Council discussed how often this truck would be utilized. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, conveyed that the ladder truck in question is currently in operation, would fit in our existing garage bay and would not immediately increase maintenance fees. Deputy Director of Fire Services, Jeff Friedenstab, communicated that the purchase of this fire truck would positively affect the City's ISO rating and that the value of this truck is greater than \$5,000.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the purchase of the 1992 E-One Quint fire truck with a 110' aerial ladder at a cost of \$5,000 pending staff review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Award Proposals Re: 2018 Small Urban Program

Stanchina recommended that GEI Consultants be selected as the City's consultant to oversee the 2018 Small Urban Program. Alessandrini, Saldana and Maule expressed the opinion that it is preferable to support local tax-paying firms. Stanchina and Revord asserted that the interests of the tax payers are best served by selecting the lowest bidder. Stanchina confirmed that all of the firms that submitted proposals would be capable of managing this project.

It was moved by List and supported by Revord to authorize GEI Consultants to serve as the City's engineer for the 2018 Small Urban Program at a cost of \$27,064.

Maule Aye

List Aye

Revord Aye

Alessandrini Nay

Zemar Aye

Saldana Aye

Blomquist Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-1, Abstin-0)

Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution

Stanchina outlined the Special Assessment Resolutions for 520 E. D Street, 402 E. A Street and 513 W. C Street.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Saldana to adopt single lot assessments for 520 E. D Street in the amount of \$130.79 and 402 E. A Street in the amount of \$174.22 for utility fees and 513 W. C Street in the amount of \$25.00 for a rental inspection fee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Natural Gas Contract Terms

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to pre-approve the City Manager to seek the best rate and term most advantageous to the City of Iron Mountain for natural gas, not to exceed a rate of \$.31 per CCF or three years in length.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorize Solicitation of Bids Re: 2018 Paving

Stanchina detailed the proposed 2018 street paving. He indicated that bids would be opened at the March 19, 2018, City Council meeting. Stanchina indicated that additional roads could be considered once bids are received.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to authorize the solicitation of the 2018 paving, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

January Claims and Payroll

Alessandrini raised the purchase of chairs for the Council Room and that business cards can be purchased locally.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$309,353.76 and Claims in the amount of \$976,058.41 with net claims being \$363,943.12.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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City Manager Reports

Charter Communications Easement

Stanchina reported that Charter Communications is reviewing alternate routes for their power easement.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the project.

Solid Waste Fees

He imparted that pending legislation, if approved, could significantly increase the cost of refuse disposal.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

List thanked the Department of Public Works for filling pot holes.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer