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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

- Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen
- Present: Council Members Burke, Alessandrini, Corombos, Rosen and Farragh
- Absent: Council Member Peterson
- Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola

Agenda

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Burke to approve the agenda as submitted with additions as follows:

- V. Old Business
 - 3. West Lake Antoine Boat Launch Addendum
- VI. New Business
 - 9. Discussion of Tax Administration Fee
- VII. 1. Financial Reports
 - Invoice Paid through Automated Clearing, MERS 33,983.39
- X. Executive Session, add Collective Bargaining Update

Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Patrol Car Purchase

City Manager Stanchina stated the Infrastructure Committee and staff reviewed the patrol car bids and recommend the purchase of a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria from Jorgenson Ford in the amount of \$21,960. It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke to purchase the patrol car in the amount noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Thermal Imager Bid Opening

City Manager Stanchina opened bids for a thermal imager with results as follows:

WB Thompson	\$10,635.00
Fire Rescue Supply	\$14,217.57
Puroll Equipment	\$14,492.00
Draeger Fire Supply	\$15,140.00

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the purchase of a thermal imager from W.B. Thompson in the amount of \$10,635, contingent on a specifications review by staff.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business

West Lake Antoine Boat Launch Addendum

City Manager Stanchina stated this addendum was needed to add reimbursement for construction costs that were above the original grant estimate. He said this will result in an additional \$8,322.74 of grant award from the DNR.

It was moved by Farragh and supported Rosen to approve the West Lake Antoine Boat Launch Addendum in the amount noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Planning Board Appointment

It was moved by Burke and supported by VanLaanen to appoint Dr. Virginia Feleppa to an unexpired term on the Planning Board.

Ayes: 2 (Burke and VanLaanen)

Nays: 4 (Rosen, Corombos, Farragh and Alessandrini)

Absent: 1

Motion fails. (2 Ayes - 4 Nays - 1 Absent)

DDA Appointment

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Rosen to appoint Mr. Don Khoury to an unexpired term on the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Well #2 Repairs

City Manager Stanchina stated that the pump for Well #2 is in need of repair. He said that two proposals were received, Kleiman for \$6,350 and Layne-Northwest for \$7,770. Mayor VanLaanen was concerned that Mr. Becotte's memo requested no dollar limit on the work because unforeseen repairs may be needed once the casing and pump are pulled. City Manager Stanchina stated that any additional cost would be difficult to know until the pump is pulled and the casing is inspected. City Attorney Pirkola suggested a \$15,000 cap should be adequate for all needed repairs.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to authorize Kleiman Well Drilling to perform the repairs in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Garden Club Contribution

Member Rosen would like the flowers to be purchase from Iron Mountain vendors.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke to approve a contribution of \$500 to the Garden Club for their annual planting.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Text Amendment Introduction

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to introduce the text amendment to allow duplexes in R-1 zoning districts by special use permit and set the date for a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Planning Board Joint Meeting

City Manager Stanchina stated that the Planning Board has requested a joint meeting with the Council to review their to do list. Mayor VanLaanen feels that the regular Planning Board meeting of April 13, 2009 will be a good time to have this meeting

No action taken.

MDOT Designees

City Manager Stanchina requested the Council approves a resolution designating the City Manager and Director of Public Works as the authorized names for MDOT correspondence.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Farragh to approve the resolution designating the above named personnel.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business (cont.)

No Charge Park Pavilion Menominee Range

City Manager Stanchina stated that the Menominee Historical Range has requested the use of the City Park Pavilion at no charge on June 21, 2009. He said they will use the pavilion as a fundraiser for the glider museum project.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the use of the City Park Pavilion at no charge on June 21, 2009.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Tax Admin. Fee Discussion

Member Alessandrini feels that an administration fee on taxes is not necessary because we already pay taxes and that should cover the expense of issuing and collecting tax bills. He would like the Finance Committee to look at the administration fee.

No action taken.

Financial Reports

Invoice paid through automated clearing MERS \$33,983.39

City Manager Report

City Manager Stanchina reported that he met with Mr. Joe Lafave and they are working his Millie Hill Estates Subdivision. He said they are working on creating a developer's agreement that provides for the project to be completed in phases.

City Manager Stanchina reported that there was a telephone conference with Mr. Jeff Aronoff from Miller Canfield. He said that Mr. Aronoff stated a return of excess capture can occur without TIFA having to dissolve. City Manager Stanchina said that the return of capture needs to be initiated by TIFA. Member Alessandrini stated that it is the Council's place to approve TIFA's budget.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Committee

Member Burke reported that the committee met with the public to discuss the proposed plans for City Park. He stated that there was good discussion and everything is coming together. Member Rosen said it is critical for residents to write letters of support for the park plans. Member Rosen stated there would be another meeting after cost estimates for the project is known.

Infrastructure Committee

Member Farragh reported the committee met and discussed having a centralized household rubbish pickup. Member Burke stated that curbside leaf and brush pick up will still occur.

Technology Committee

Mayor VanLaanen stated the committee met with CCI Systems to discuss the implementation of the phone system. Member Farragh asked for an update on the tower leases. City Attorney Pirkola stated that he did some research and feels the City can increase the lease rates that are now charged.

Public Comment

Don Christy - 1310 East Grant St. - asked what the City was looking for with City Park support letters. He stated that he has several ideas on fundraising for City Park. Mr. Christy agreed with the City having a centralized rubbish pick up. He thought that an additional fee could be charged for those who still wanted their rubbish picked up.

Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd. - did not like the fact that the meeting for City Park was held on Ash Wednesday. She stated Wednesdays during lent are not a good day for meetings. She asked if there is a cost analysis for maintenance of the proposed City Park changes. Dr. Feleppa stated it cost money to maintain the deer in the park. She asked would be responsible for monitoring that proposed camera system that goes with the skate park. She also asked how much green space would be lost with the proposed changes.

Joe Lafave - W8025 Mille Hill Estates - feels the City Park renovations need to take place and would like to pledge \$20,000 of in-kind work on City Park.

Council Member Privilege

Member Rosen said that the Committee has apologized for having the meeting on Ash Wednesday.

Mayor VanLaanen feels that Dr. Feleppa was entitled to an explanation for why she was not appointed to the Planning Board.

Executive Session

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn regular session and enter executive session to discuss litigation and collective bargaining. 7:49 p.m.

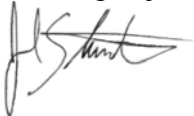
Roll call vote taken:

Farragh	Y
Burke	Y
Alessandrini	Y
VanLaanen	Y
Corombos	Y
Rosen	Y

Motion prevailed unanimously. (6 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent)

Regular Session reconvened.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer