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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

Agenda

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Burke to approve the agenda as submitted with an addition as follows:

- X. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Update

Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Janitorial Services

City Manager Stanchina opened the bids for janitorial services and the amounts are as follows:

Sparkle	\$ 905.00 per month
Pro Klean	\$1,755.00 per month
RayLyn	\$2,040.00 per month

City Manager Stanchina recommended these bids be returned to staff for a recommendation. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Burke to refer the janitorial bids to staff for a recommendation back to Council.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business

Dickinson County Construction Code

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen to appoint Member Alessandrini to the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Soderburg Greenhouse

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Burke to approve a two year special use permit for Mr. Kraig Soderburg's greenhouse to be located at the corner of Blaine St. and Stephenson Ave., with the recommendations of the Planning Board.

Motion carried. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstain(Alessandrini))

New Business (cont.)

Consolidated Services Committee

City Manager Stanchina stated that this would be a committee to discuss consolidation of various services with other local entities. Member Rosen, Alessandrini and Corombos expressed interest in service on this committee.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Alessandrini to establish the Consolidated Services Committee to include Member Rosen, Alessandrini and Corombos.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Discussion of Recycling

Member Corombos stated that it is considerably more expensive to recycle than to just put the materials in the garbage. He said the paper can be taken to TRICO for recycling. Member Alessandrini stated that it costs \$16,170 to recycle what would cost \$5,333.70 in tipping fees at the landfill. Mayor VanLaanen thought that there could be a way to keep some recycling and would like a committee to look at this further. Member Peterson stated that she met someone at the MML Capitol Conference that may have some ideas to help us with recycling.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Burke to discontinue paper recycling immediately and keep plastic and glass recycling.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Appointment to the EDA

Mayor VanLaanen feels the City Manager should be on the EDA Board. Member Alessandrini agrees and felt that Member Peterson could stay on the EDA Alternative Energy Subcommittee. Member Peterson agrees that the City Manager should be on the EDA but she would like to stay on three months to finish some projects she has started such as the pursuit of a cellulosic ethanol company. Member Alessandrini stated he was agreeable to this and would like to bring this issue back up in July.

No action taken.

Purchasing Policy

Member Rosen would like the Council to revise the purchasing policy. Member Rosen wants to take time and come up with a good policy that helps to prevent the purchasing limit being violated. Member Corombos feels there was clear and obvious violations in the past that a revised policy needs to address and prevent.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to refer this to the Operations and Management Committee.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Daily News Ad

It was moved by Burke and supported by Alessandrini to approve an advertisement for the Daily News Anti-Drug Coloring Book. The cost of the ad is \$67.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Millie Hill Subdivision Update

City Attorney Pirkola reported that completing the development in phases has been discussed recently. He said the agreement would allow Mr. Lafave to complete work in phases with a bond or irrevocable letter of credit. Member Rosen asked if Mr. Lafave could develop ten lots. City Attorney Pirkola said this agreement would allow for that. Chuck Meyers of Mountain Engineering stated that he and Mr. Lafave have a problem with item #7 in the agreement that states the utilities will not be accepted until the entire subdivision is completed. City Attorney Pirkola would like the DPW Director to review if there is any problem with the City accepting utilities in sections. Chuck Meyer stated the DEQ requires a water and sewer plan to be signed off by DPW Director Becotte. Mr. Lafave feels that the City should accept the utilities as they are completed in each phase. Member Alessandrini would like to have a special meeting on March 30th to have the developer's agreement approved.

No action taken.

New Business (cont.)

No Charge Park Pavilion DIISD

City Manager Stanchina stated that the Dickinson-Iron ISD has requested the use of the City Park Pavilion at no charge on May 21, 2009. This is an annual event for the DIISD.

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

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Letterhead

Member Alessandrini would like to change the City letterhead to black and gold version that Member Rosen put together. Mayor VanLaanen noted that Main Street recently developed a logo and they should check to see that the logos do no conflict with each other. The Council will discuss this further.

No action taken.

Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the month of February with regular wages in the amount of \$256,117.47 and overtime in the amount of \$17,458.82. The Council also reviewed claims in the amount of \$495,288.01. The Finance Committee reviewed the claims and payroll, with a recommendation of approval as submitted. Member Alessandrini noted that STS Consultants is now AECOM Inc.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the claims and payroll in the amounts noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Manager Report

City Manager Stanchina reported that he was informed by the State that the City will receive a 23% rebate of the borrowed principle for the SRF/S2 Program. The estimated principle to be borrowed is \$800,000 for the West B St. lift station and East A St. reconstruction.

City Manager Stanchina reported that he received notice the Bat Cave Trail can begin to incur engineering costs.

City Manager Stanchina reported that letters were recently sent to tower lease holders informing them the leases are up and the City would like to renegotiate the lease.

City Manager Stanchina reported that front side garbage pickup will start March 23rd and run through May 8th.

He said that there will be another Park and Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. to take citizen input on City Park. Also, the Council received a draft of the centralized household waste pickup and is working on finalize the procedures.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Member Peterson reported on her recent attendance at the MML Capital Conference in Lansing. She said that one of the more interesting sessions was one about making Michigan a Box Office Hit. This session had to do with recent tax incentives passed by the legislature to attract motion picture companies to shoot films in Michigan.

Public Comment

Lucy Shampo – 1001 S Kimberely – stated that she does not like the idea of paintball or archery in City Park. She feels that paint ball is dangerous and does not know how the archery range could be controlled. Ms. Shampo thought that there would be increased liability with the archery range. She commented on recycling and did not understand how it can be cheaper to throw garbage away instead of recycling

Council Member Privilege

Member Rosen said that archery ways heavily on having a successful grant. He hopes that everyone writes a letter of support for City Park.

Member Peterson thanked Member Rosen for his work on City Park. She is proud of the input that the Council is taking from the public. Member Peterson noted the resignation of the Main Street Coordinator, Patrick Reagan, she felt that he did a great job.

Member Alessandrini told Ms. Shampo that it cost the City more to recycle than to just throw the same items in the garbage.

Member Corombos congratulated the IMHS wrestling team.

Executive Session

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn regular session and enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining. 7:55 p.m.

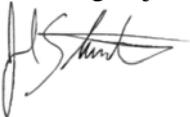
Roll call vote taken:

Peterson	Y
Burke	Y
Alessandrini	Y
VanLaanen	Y
Corombos	Y
Rosen	Y

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

Regular Session reconvened. 8:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer