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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Corombos, Villa, & Farragh

Absent: Council Members Peterson & Alessandrini

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2010

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the minutes as prepared.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Feleppa conveyed the opinion that she felt the last Parks and Recreation Meeting were not conducive to citizen input. She detailed her reasons for the above opinion. Feleppa also noted that she does support the development of a Skateboard Park in Iron Mountain, but does not support locating it at City Park due to the parks location and safety. Feleppa conveyed the opinion that the grant application should be put on hold due to the Oak Wilt situation in City Park. She noted that the North West corner of the park contains many oak trees and that there is no way to know if the Oak Wilt problem has been contained and how the character of the park will be affected. Feleppa relayed that the athletic fields that are located in City Park should be improved at this time, as they are used frequently by the community.

Old Business

Approval of Engineering Consultant Proposal Re: MEDC ICE Project (5th, Broadway St. and Main St.)

Stanchina noted that UP Engineers & Architects and Coleman Engineering bids were similar in price for this project, both offering similar performance. He relayed that AECOM and OHM were also similar, but at a higher price level. Stanchina detailed the criterion that was used to choose a firm. He noted that, after meeting with the Infrastructure Committee, it was recommended to award Coleman Engineering the project at a cost of \$34,996.00.

Jacobetti noted that the bids were very competitive and that irregularities in the bidding process will be analyzed.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to award Coleman Engineering the MEDC ICE Project (5th, Broadway St. and Main St.) for 34,996.00

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid opening and award approval Re: Fire Department pagers and hose

Fire Rescue Supply LLC – Hose bid

\$1,500.00

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GM Communications- Pager bid

10 pagers for \$4,509.90

10 2 channel pagers for \$4,909.94

Stanchina noted that this company had a minimum shipping charge.

WB Thompson & CO. - Hose bid

\$1,464.00 (including shipping)

Anderson Communications – Radio and Page bids

4 radios for \$1,520.00

-or-

4 radios for \$2,335.02

10 pagers for \$4,082.09

Purell Equipment – Hose bid

\$1,420.40

GM Communications – Radio bid

4 radios at \$338.00 each

-or-

4 radios with a full key pad for \$364.00 each

-or-

4 radios for \$245.70 each

Stanchina noted that this company has a shipping charge of \$25.

Vorpal Fire and Safety - Radio and Pager bid

4 radios for \$1,616.00

10 pagers for \$4,700.00

Five Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment LLC – Hose bid

\$1,584.00

Humasal Fire Equipment – Hose bid

\$1,296.00

Brad A Circle K Service – Hose bid

\$1,188.00 including an additional freight cost of \$125.00

Pinnacle Safety Group – Hose bid

\$1,492.60

Mayor Rosen recommended the bids for staff consideration

New Business

Approval of additional hours Re: City Assessor

Stanchina noted that City Assessor Rogina’s contract states that he must have council authorization to work more than 30 hours. He relayed that the extra hours are needed to cover the Board of Review process.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to approve City Assessor Rogina to work up to 39 hours on the week of March 8 – March 12, 2010.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of appointment Re: Board of Review

Stanchina noted that Mr. Santi's term expired and that he is interested in retaining his seat. He relayed that there was no other interest in the position.

Rosen communicated that the Board of Review has been doing a good job. He added that they have been courteous and helpful

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to appoint Mr. Santi to the Board of Review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of appointment Re: Planning Board

Stanchina noted that after reviewing the interested parties for the Planning Board seat, he recommend the appointment of Mr. Macki. He relayed that Mr. Maki is a retired city employee and seemed to have a lot of interest in the position.

Rosen voiced his support for both applicant's abilities and his appreciation for their interest.

Jacobetti relayed his support for Julie Badini's appointment

Villa communicated here support of Julie Badini based on here prior experience with the Planning Board.

Corombos noted how precarious the dilemma is when two quality candidates are interested on one position.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Villa to approve Julie Badini to the Planning Board.

Rosen	Aye
Corombos	Aye
Farragh	Nay
Jacobetti	Aye
Villa	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Opening of Audit Proposals

Stanchina noted that the cities current two year audit contract has ended and that the city is opening renewal bids.

Anderson-Tackman & Co.

Ending June 30, 2010 for \$24,500.00

Ending June 30, 2011 for \$25,500.00

Kerber Rose and Associates

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for \$25,000.00

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for \$26,000.00

Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for \$17,000.00

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for \$17,000.00

Schenck

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for \$23,000.00

Both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 for \$23,750.00

Mayor Rosen recommended the bids for staff consideration

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Approval of Budget Amendment Re: Tax Increment Finance Authority

Stanchina noted that interest and rents have decreased and that TIFA was ordered to pay a large refund to Wis Pack by the State Tax Commission. He relayed that the DPW Boiler and cross walk repair were also unexpected. It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the TIFA Budget Amendment.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduction and set a Public Hearing date Re: Sign Ordinance Amendments

Stanchina relayed that many businesses have requested multiple wall signs, especially for businesses with multiple entrances. He communicated the opinion that there did not seem to be opposition from the Planning Board or the City Council on this issue, acknowledging that an overhaul of the ordinance still needs to be completed. Stanchina noted that this amendment would not allow the placement of new roof signs, but would allow face changes to those that already exist.

Rosen asked how this amendment would affect buildings with several businesses. Stanchina relayed that this amendment would help to move many buildings into compliance. Rosen voiced his interest in each business being able to have its own sign.

Corombos asked what happens when a building is located in the middle of the block. Stanchina noted that this amendment would help front facing buildings with a rear entrance.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to hold a public hearing on April 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to amend sections 74.516, 74.15 and 74.18 to allow two wall signs and section 74.24 to allow face changes to roof signs.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of street name change Re: North end of Quincy Street

Stanchina noted that Northern Star Industries has requested that the North end of Quincy Street, between Traders Mine Road and North Industrial Drive, be renamed to Boss Drive as they would like to use the new name for the address of their office building.

Farragh noted that Northern Star Industries owns almost all the property around North Quincy Street and voiced his support for re-naming all of North Quincy Street Boss Drive.

Rosen voiced his support for Boss Snowplow's economic impact and community involvement. He relayed his support to re-name North Quincy Street to Boss Drive.

Jacobetti voiced his support for the re-naming of North Quincy Street to Boss Drive.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to re-name North Quincy Street directly off Traders Mine Road to Boss Drive.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Report

Stanchina noted that the February Police Department Monthly Report was included in this meetings packet.

Stanchina noted that he included information on the State of Michigan's unfunded mandates; they are currently around two billion dollars a year.

Stanchina relayed that the reflective sign at the entrance of City Park has been working well. He conveyed that the Police Department had spent time monitoring City Park.

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City Attorney Report

Pirkola noted that the Broad Cast Towers are about complete; they are at approximately \$3,000.00 per site. Withers Broadcasting Company is willing to pay \$5,000.00 for their site. Pirkola detailed the differences between the various tower sites. Pirkola communicated that the agreed prices are current with what other municipalities are charging.

Pirkola noted that North Side Cable is proposed to pay .25 per customer, about \$2,800.00 per year.

The council voiced their support for City Attorney Pirkola to proceed with the lease negotiations.

Committee Reports

Infrastructure Committee

Farragh conveyed that they had been working on the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Project and will soon be working on the budget process.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Rosen conveyed that the only funding for the skateboard park would come from the DNR Trust Fund Grant, as it would cover 75% of the cost. He noted that the Skateboard Park has been proposed in a location that is closer to the athletic fields as apposed to being closer to the tot lot. Rosen communicated that it is being proposed to fence in the Skateboard Park. He voiced his support for proving kids with another form of entertainment. Rosen communicated the opinion that the city acted quickly to contain the Oak Wilt at City Park and that it would not be prudent to delay action at this time.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Villa relayed the opinion that the Parks and Recreation Committee members did not disparage people and that they handled things well.

Rosen noted that Alessandrini has an excused absence for the evening.

Rosen thanked Dr. Fornetti and the other doctors for offering free dentistry to those in need.

Adjournment

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer