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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Resolution of Support Re: Animal Shelter" be added as number one under New Business. He asked that "Approval of pay request Re: James Peterson & Sons" be added as item number seven under New Business. Stanchina requested that "Discussion of MML Conference" be added as item number eight under New Business. He asked that "Approval of a no charge City Park Pavilion rental Re: ISD" be number nine under New Business.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda with the proposed amendments.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2010

Peterson expressed the opinion that Villa expressed interest for the City Manager being on the CGI intro video, not Rosen.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Villa to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution of Support Re: Animal Shelter

Charles Meyers informed the council that he will be representing the Spring Lake Animal Shelter in an administrative law hearing that could allow the shelter to not install an elevator. Jacobetti clarified that the Animal Shelter did not forget to plan for an elevator. Meyers noted the basement is not intended for customer traffic and has several ground level access points.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to endorse a Letter of Support for the Spring Lake Animal Shelter.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Applications through Rural Development Re: Plow Truck and Pickup Truck Replacement

Stanchina relayed that the City has purchased squad cars through this program, receiving a 35% reduction in price. He noted that the program has been extended to DPW equipment. Stanchina communicated that the equipment was already scheduled to be replaced and that this program could save the city money.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Peterson to approve the submission of the Rural Development Application.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Engineering Services for Dixon Engineering Re: East A Street Water Tank

Stanchina noted that rain water was entering the water tank. He communicated that it would be beneficial to have Dixon Engineering design a roof for the water tank. A discussion pertaining to Dixon Engineer's previous recommendations ensued. Stanchina confirmed that designing the roof would involve additional work. Rosen voiced his support for this project.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to accept the not to exceed contract in the amount of \$3,500.00 for Dixon Engineering.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval to Solicit Bids Re: Televising Sewers

Stanchina noted that the DPW Foreman is recommending that 13,675 feet of sewer be televised. Stanchina relayed that he would like to have a minimum of 9,000 feet televised. He communicated the idea that the city could save money if the sewer was reviewed before a new road surface was installed above it.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the televising of up to 9,000 feet of sewer.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Amending Code of Ordinances Re: Chapter 6 Animals

Stanchina detailed a sample ordinance regarding dog excrement. Alessandrini voiced his support for a stricter animal excrement ordinance. A discussion of how to handle animal waste ensued. It was concluded that the animal owners should clean up after their pets.

No Action Taken

Discussion of Yield Sign at Iron Mountain Street and Grant Street

Alessandrini communicated the idea that a stop sign at the intersection of Iron Mountain and Grant Street would slow down traffic and increase safety. Jacobetti suggested the installation of a temporary stop sign. Alessandrini conveyed the opinion that there have been two accidents over the last five years, which he is aware of. Villa voiced her support for a stop sign, even if it only prevents a few accidents. Jacobetti communicated the idea that the city's stop sign criteria should be followed. It was concluded that a significant amount of stop sign requests would not result from this request being granted.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to replace the yield sign at Iron Mountain and Grant Street with a Stop Sign.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of pay request Re: James Peterson & Sons

Stanchina updated the council on the project at Tamarack and West B Street. He noted that the wet well and new pumps have been installed. Stanchina relayed that the electrical has yet to be connected and the old lift station building has to be demolished.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a pay request for James Peterson & Sons contingent upon the certification of payrolls.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of MML Conference

Stanchina informed the council that a MML Training will be taking place in Ishpeming and he asked if any council members would be interested in attending. Peterson and Farragh expressed their interest in attending the training.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the council members to attend the MML Training in Ishpeming, if they desire.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of a no charge City Park Pavilion rental Re: ISD

Stanchina noted that the Intermediate School District would like to use City Park at no cost on May 19, 2010 for Star Power Day, a year end picnic. He recommended that the council approve the ISD's request.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Villa to waive the City Park Pavilion Fee for the ISD on May 19, 2010.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Stanchina noted that the city has followed the projected budget. Alessandrini clarified that the city is at 75.7% of the projected budget, 75% of the way through the year.

No Action Taken

City Manager Reports

Stanchina noted that the rubbish drop off is taking place this week. He relayed that information about the rubbish drop off is available on the city's website and at City Hall.

Stanchina relayed that the East A Street Project will begin soon. He noted that the construction will begin at the bottom of the hill and head upward. Stanchina clarified that the residences on East A Street will have to endure construction issues, not limited to driveways being blocked. He expressed the opinion that resident inconvenience will be minimized as much as possible.

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Stanchina communicated that the culvert below Wells Fargo is being repaired.

Stanchina noted that last month the city received 4/10 of an inch of rain, compared to 4.5 inches last year.

Stanchina expressed that the city did not receive a Michigan Economic Development Corporation Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant for the choke point at Norway Street. Stanchina clarified that the project would cost around \$600,000.00 without the grant.

Stanchina noted that the infrastructure project from Broadway to Main Street on the North Side of town might have to be moved to the next construction season, as to line up with the Safe Routes to School project. A discussion highlighted the quandary between not installing sidewalk for a year and possible future construction costs.

Peterson clarified that assistance with rubbish pick up will be available for the elderly and disabled. Farragh noted that the Sheriff's Work Crew typically does the rubbish assistance.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola noted that the Champion Easement will be granted without legal action.

Pirkola relayed that the Bloomquist Property is due to revert back to the city. Stanchina clarified that the deed must have additional documentation to show that the deed has been cleared.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to Proceeded on the reverter provision for Mark and Lisa Bloomquist and that no building of any kind took place in the specified time.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Alessandrini asked Pirkola if he had looked into the sex offender residency distance question he had previously mentioned. Pirkola relayed that he will have something for the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Stanchina noted that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met, pertaining to the development of a Community Garden. He relayed that the only neighborhood input was Ronda Heart; she requested that she be kept informed. Stanchina conveyed that an evaluation of the city existing recreation facilities and the Recreation Plan need to be considered. He clarified that the tennis courts are being considered.

Public Comment

Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley St.

She suggested that a grant for the water tank might be possible. Kramer asked how she would request the televising of a sewer line. Stanchina noted that the property owner is responsible for lines that are on their property. Kramer expressed that it is a Good idea to amend the City Code for Animals. She relayed a possible option to address the proposed stop sign area.

Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd

She voiced her support for the amending of the Animal ordinance. Feleppa noted that a stop sign is only effective if it is enforced and that there are different levels of enforcement. Corombos expressed the opinion that familiarity often attributes to the rolling stop issue.

Council Member Privilege

Peterson noted that a 45 M.P.H. sign is in place of the 55 M.P.H. sign located before Wal-Mart. She expressed excitement for this change.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to move into Executive Session to discuss the City Manager's Performance.

- Jacobetti Aye
- Alessandrini Aye
- Farragh Aye
- Corombos Aye
- Villa Aye
- Rosen Aye
- Peterson Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer