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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, CFO Bartolameolli & Attorney Robert Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Approval of Special Use Re: 400 E A Street" be added as number one under New Business. He also suggested that "Approval of Parade Route Re: Memorial Day Parade" be added as number nine of New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2010

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Televising Sewers

Stanchina opened and reported the following proposals:

Visu-Sewer Inc.

.77 / foot with a mobilization fee of 1,750.00.

Totaling \$8,680.00

Upper Peninsula Rubber Company

DBA Tunnel Vision

1.0 / foot with no mobilization fee

Totaling \$9,000.00

Peterson Entered at 6:36

Farragh noted that Visu-Sewer Inc. had been a reputable contractor in the past. Corombos clarified that the low bid will become more advantageous as the length of viewed sewers increases.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to award Visu-Sewer Inc. the contract pending verification of their professional competency.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Introduction and Set Public Hearing Re: Dog Waste Ordinance

Rosen introduced the proposed ordinance changes.

Rosen communicated the opinion that an individual must be able to produce a device to pick-up after their dog. Villa and Alessandrini voiced their support for Rosen's position. Peterson expressed the opinion that the residences should be clearly informed of what is expected of them as far as animal excrement is considered. Rosen relayed that a clearly written ordinance would be amply sufficient. Jacobetti communicated the idea that the proposed ordinance change is sufficient to convey the council's intent. Alessandrini suggested that the proposed ordinance amendment be reconsidered.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to redraft the proposed ordinance changes and present it at the next meeting.

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

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

New Business

Approval of Special Use Re: 400 E A Street

Stanchina noted that a Special Use was requested for 6-12 children Day Care. He relayed that the details relating to the facility itself are regulated by the state. Stanchina communicated that the Planning Board unanimously recommended this Special Use for approval. Lea Ducharme, the applicant, clarified that with the proposed upgrade in license she and an assistant could care for up to 12 children. Stanchina noted that Ducharme will send her application to the state after she receives a Special Use Permit from the city.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve a Special Use Permit for Lea Ducharme to operate a Day Care of up to 12 children at 400 East A Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Record Retention Policy

Stanchina noted that the city has been informally following the proposed schedule. He conveyed that it would be optimal to have the schedule approved.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed Record Retention Policy excluding sections two, eight and eleven; covering airports, District Court and City Income Tax Offices respectively.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Quincy Street Name Change Re: The Boss Way

Stanchina relayed that North Industrial Drive to Traders Mine Road has already been changed to "The Boss Way". He communicated that North Quincy Street is surrounded by property that is owned by North Star Systems and Boss Snow Plow. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to change North Quincy Street to The Boss Way.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution to Execute a Contract Re: MDOT Small Urban Program

Stanchina noted the included contracts are standard Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contracts. He relayed that the following roads would be paved through this program: Ludington Street from Carpenter to Kimberly, Ludington from Kimberly to Pine, Kimberly from Fleshiem to Fairbanks, Fairbanks around the Cornish Pump Museum and Park Avenue ending at the Millie Hill Estates. Jacobetti clarified that these projects are an 80/20 match, with the city paying 20%. Alessandrini asked how the city would get the road between the entrance of Millie Hill Estates and The Bat Cave cut down, as to increase visibility.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed resolution and authorize the Mayor, Bruce Rosen, and City Manager, Jordan Stanchina, to sign the proposed MDOT contracts.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Taxi Cab License Re: Tri-City Cab Company

Stanchina noted that the Chief of Police is recommending the approval of this license. He relayed that the license is required to operate a cab in the City of Iron Mountain. Corombos asked if there is a Special Use permit or Commercial Headquarters that is required for this license. Stanchina communicated that neither are required. He detailed the requirements for a Taxi Cab License. A discussion ensued. It was concluded that additional cab companies will be required to acquire their Cab License.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to approve a Taxi Cab License for Tri-City Cab for one year.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Purchase Re: Manhole Structures

Stanchina noted that Manhole Structures tend to break down over time. He relayed that he is requesting to spend \$6,700.00 with \$3,000.00 of it going to UP Concrete as a sole source.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Farragh to approve the purchase of Manhole Structure, parts and pieces, not to exceed \$7,107.10.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of DDA Survey

Stanchina communicated that the proposed survey is a result of the Joint Council – DDA Meeting. Peterson asked if the DDA had been consulted on the survey. Stanchina relayed that it had not been. Peterson noted that many people will not want to pay anything if given a chance. Villa suggested that a question be added; asking how the business owner feels this program affects the city as a whole. Stanchina suggested that a question asking if the business is interested in learning about the DDA be included. It was concluded that the numerical values for the desired level of DDA funding would be converted to a word based indicator. It was also concluded that Villa’s suggestion would be added.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to mail the DDA Survey as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to bid Re: Street Paving and Water Service replacement

Stanchina detailed which streets will be resurfaced and their funding sources. He estimated that replaced water lines should run about \$1,200.00. Stanchina relayed that certain homeowners may experience reduced costs from replacing their water service at the same time as the city has its project. Corombos confirmed that all the galvanized water lines will be replaced up to the curb stop. Farragh expressed the idea that some sanitary sewers will get damaged during the project and will need repair. Jacobetti asked for clarification on the city’s planning process. Stanchina noted that all the city streets are in the Pacer System. He explained that the roads are sometimes paved when projects can be joined and optimized.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the Street Paving and Water Service replacements.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parade Route Re: Memorial Day Parade

Stanchina noted that the proposed parade route would go from Ludington Street, down US2, toward the Dickinson County Court House, eventually closing Cedar Avenue.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to close east Ludington Street, South US2 and Cedar Avenue for the Memorial Day Parade at 8:20 am.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

**Reports
Financial Reports**

Corombos noted that the finance committee had met and their questions had been answered in a satisfactory manor. Rosen relayed that he must abstain as he owns Standard Printing. Jacobetti relayed that he must abstain due to item 51.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the Claims in the amount of \$619,630.31 and the Payroll in the amount of \$364,086.10.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstain-2)

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City Manager Reports

East A Street

Stanchina noted that the most recent beginning date is June 1, 2010. He relayed that updates will be posted on the website.

Lake Antoine Bike Path

Peterson asked if the bike path will be completed this year. Stanchina conveyed that it would, given what he has been told so far.

Rental Housing Ordinance

Peterson voiced the opinion that the Rental Housing Ordinance could be better enforced. Stanchina noted that the Fire Department is being trained to do inspections and that more will happen once the new fiber line is installed.

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Peterson asked if Stanchina is aware of this program. Stanchina relayed that he would be interested in looking at the program.

MML Conference

Stanchina relayed information about Northern Initiatives. He also noted that the conference covered cities hosting a Face Page and open carrying of a firearm.

Sex Offender Distance

Stanchina noted that Pirkola's preliminary finding was that there is nothing that would allow the city to trump Michigan Law. Alessandrini voiced his support for asking the City Attorney to look into the matter further. Stanchina noted that Pirkola was not aware of anyone else who has a greater sex offender distance in the state. A discussion pertaining to this subject ensued. Alessandrini expressed a desire to have this matter reconsidered by the City Attorney. Peterson suggested that the City Attorney look into whether or not Day Cares could be included.

Habitat for Humanity

Alessandrini voiced his support for tougher aesthetic regulations throughout the city. He noted several other issues that are present in the same neighborhood. Stanchina relayed that the Property Maintenance Code is being enforced in incremental steps. Peterson communicated the opinion that drugs are a significant issue within the city.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina noted that the Labor Relations Committee has met with Bargaining Units from ~~Both the Police and Fire~~ Department.

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

She expressed the opinion that the current laws should be enforced.

Council Member Privilege

Peterson

She expressed the opinion that all the council members should receive fair treatment when it comes to speaking time.

Jacobetti

He noted that he voted no on the Dog Ordinance issue as he felt the existing language is ample.

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Executive Session

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into Executive Session to discuss City Manager Performance.

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

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

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer