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Special Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen
Present: Council Members Alessandrini, Corombos, Jacobetti & Farragh
Absent: Council Members Villa & Peterson
Also Present: City Manager Stanchina and CFO Bartolameo

Public Comment

Michele Uhazie – APWU 498-499 Local Representative

She informed the council that the City of Iron Mountain had been notified of the Postal Service selling or vacating the Iron Mountain Post Office. Uhazie communicated the opinion that selling the Iron Mountain Post Office would harm the community. She conveyed the opinion that it would be a conflict of interest for City Manager Stanchina to address this situation. Alessandrini clarified that the current postal employees at the Iron Mountain Post Office would not be laid off. Uhazie relayed the opinion that the city could lose its individual zip code and the current level of service, if the Post Office was closed.

Public Hearing

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

Rosen Opened the Public Hearing

Stanchina noted that the proposed budget makes the annual paving program a priority, as the city streets are in severe need of repair. He relayed that the city is also saving for vehicles and equipment that may have to be replaced in the future. Stanchina communicated that the proposed budget is showing a deficit of \$92,181.00. He relayed that this deficit is a part of the larger structural deficit that the city is currently remedying. Alessandrini clarified that the funds which are included in this budget are actual and not projected. Stanchina proceeded to detail the city's fund balances. Alessandrini suggested that the Health Insurance Fund be set up as a Trust Fund. It was concluded that this item should be completed at a future time. Stanchina communicated that the city has experienced a \$52,000 increase in electrical costs and a \$130,000 decrease in Revenue Sharing, causing an unexpected loss of 182,000. He noted that the P&F millage will be increasing from 2.26 to 2.292 mills, due to poor investment returns and increases in retiree health care costs.

Rosen suggested the idea that the city could call the Water Bond and refinance it with an escalating payment plan, saving the city significantly over the term of the bond. Corombos suggested that the Police and Fire Pension Fund could purchase city Water Bonds, saving the city money and making the Police and Fire Pension Fund an increased return.

Stanchina noted that five full time positions have been eliminated over the last three years. Rosen communicated that the city has created cost savings measures in the amount of \$486,000 and increased revenues of \$26,000 over the last eighteen months.

Public Comment

None

Rosen Closed the Public Hearing

New Business

Approval of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to adopt the General Appropriations Act of 2010-2011 Resolution.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Discussion of Ordinance Amendment Re: Section 6, Article 3 Dogs

Stanchina detailed several existing City Codes that pertain to dog excrement. Rosen noted that Member Villa was in favor of a \$10 fine for not carrying a container and a \$50 fine when a resident is proven to violate the ordinance. It was concluded that Villa's idea would be acceptable. It was concluded that blind and disabled individuals should be excluded from complying with this ordinance. It was concluded that dogs could be prohibited from City Park in the future.

No Action Taken

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer