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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen
Present: Council Members Alessandrini, Corombos, Villa, Jacobetti & Farragh
Absent: Member Peterson
Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that the following be added under "New Business":

13. Letter of support Re: Tree Inventory
14. Authorization to bid Re: Water Tank roof repair
15. Approval of Parking Lot closure Re: mobile veterans unit

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 May 17, 2010

Villa noted that the city has been negotiating with two bargaining units from the Police Department.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 24, 2010

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Don Nelson - 1511 West B Street

He noted that speeding is becoming common throughout the city. Nelson suggested that slower speeds would benefit pedestrians, bicyclist and motorist. He expressed the opinion that strict enforcement, and possibly traffic cameras, would slow traffic down. Nelson suggested several methods of enforcement.

Bill Cummings - 702 Hill Crest Drive

He detailed the historical background of the Post Office. Cummings voiced the opinion that the historical significance of the Post Office should be preserved, as well as the Post Office Boxes.

Jonathan Ringel - 814 W Fleshier

Ringel expressed the opinion that the Post Office building is important to the development of Iron Mountain's Downtown.

Michelle Uhazie - APWU 498-499 local Representative

She noted that the city would lose its zip code if the Post Office is closed. Uhazie relayed that funds have recently been put into remodeling the Iron Mountain Post Office. She expressed the opinion that only a part of the Post Office could be used often, while the remaining space is left unused. Uhazie communicated the opinion that closing the current Iron Mountain Post Office would be less convenient for the residence and not as safe for the employees.

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Old Business

Introduction and Set Public Hearing Re: Dog Waste Ordinance

The proposed amendment is as follows:

Add

Sec. 6-49 Sanitation

- (a) No owner or custodian of any dog shall allow such dog to soil, defile or defecate on any public property or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, play area or private property other than that of the owner, unless such owner or custodian shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces deposited by such dog in any manner permitted by law.
- (b) All persons having in their custody or control a dog in any public park, grounds, school grounds, public street, alley, sidewalk or any other public grounds, or any private property within the city other than the premises of the owner or person having custody of such dog or other dog, shall have in their immediate possession the means for picking up the defecation of a dog.
- (c) No person owning, harboring or keeping an dog within the city shall permit any waste matter from the dog to collect and remain on the property of the owner or custodian, or on the property of others so as to cause or create an unhealthy, unsanitary, dangerous or offensive living condition on the owner's or custodian's property, or to abutting property owners.
- (d) Any person violating any provision of this article shall be responsible for a civil infraction as specified in Section 6-48 above, provided however violation of Sec 6-49(b) shall be responsible for a civil infraction with a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00). Fines may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the City Council.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to set a Public Hearing on June 21, 2010.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Discussion of Millie Hill Subdivision Re: East Fleshiem Street and Millie Hill Estates Drive

Stanchina noted that an easement will not satisfy the state, as to get the Millie Hill Estates Plat approved. He relayed that the city could deed sixty six feet of property adjacent to the proposed Millie Hill Subdivision, allowing the property to be retained by the developer, if the plat is approved. Stanchina expressed the opinion that the city's sale process would have to be followed. A discussion on how to assist the Millie Hill Subdivision ensued. It was concluded that amending the City Ordinances would be the best way to assist the Millie Hill Subdivision.

No Action Taken

Approval of Mr. Terry Barnes Reappointment Re: TIFA Board

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to reappoint Mr. Terry Barnes to the TIFA Board.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Mr. David Santini and Mr. John Allard Reappointments Re: Zoning Board of Appeals

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to reappoint Mr. David Santini to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Corombos to reappoint Mr. John Allard to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Vacate Right of Way Re: Alley South of Lots 38-43 in Cochran Addition (4th St.)

Stanchina noted that there are no garages off the alley and it has been approved for closure by all the appropriate Department Heads and residents. Jacobetti clarified that no home owners will loose access to their property. Farragh suggested that the North South Alley be vacated as well.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to hold a Public Hearing on the above issues on July 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Main Well House Invoice Re: M.J. Electric

Stanchina noted that M.J. Electric has a Payroll System that would require the city to act on this request individually. Stanchina clarified that the city would be looking at a maximum out of pocket cost of \$11,000.00.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Main Well House Invoice in the amount of \$24,930.19.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Lift Station Invoice Re: P.J. Kortens Company, Inc.

Stanchina noted that this invoices was for water pumping components.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the Main Well House Invoice in the amount of \$6,985.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Wage Rate Re: Assistant City Assessor

Stanchina relayed that the seasonal labor, which assist the City Assessor, should receive a higher wage given the work they are performing.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve a wage of \$10 per hour for the Assistant City Assessor.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Park Lot Closure Re: Farmer's Market

Stanchina communicated that the Farmer's Market is requesting to have the City Parking Lot behind UES Computers closed every Saturday between 7:30 am until noon from June 12, 2010 to October 16, 2010.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed Parking Lot Closure.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Cemetery Street Signs or Maps

Stanchina noted that people can tend to get lost in the cemetery while looking for a plot. It was concluded that the issue should be looked into further.

No Action Taken

Approval of July 4th Fireworks Display Permit Re: Spiel Bauer Fireworks Company

Stanchina relayed that the Fire Chief has approved of the issuance of this permit contingent upon an emergency plan.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Fireworks Display Permit, contingent upon item 3308.2 of the International Fire Code being met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of July 4th Parade Route

Stanchina communicated that the "Americans for Constitutional Enforcement" will organize the 4th of July Parade. The parade will line up on Pyle Drive and on North Boulevard then proceed North on Balsam to Woodward Avenue; traveling East on Woodward Avenue to Carpenter Avenue; then North on Carpenter Avenue to "H" Street and Truing on "H" Street heading East to Stephenson Avenue to disperse there or in the Midtown Mall Parking Lot. Stanchina noted that the event will take place at 1:00 p.m.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed Parade Route

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to solicit bids Re: Tennis Court Resurfacing

Stanchina expressed the opinion that it would be best to maintain the tennis courts now, rather than spend more to repair them latter. Alessandrini clarified that funding for the proposed project is in the budget.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to solicit bids for Tennis Court resurfacing.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Support Re: Tree Inventory

Stanchina communicated that a grant is being developed for the inventorying of local trees and that a Letter of Support has been requested from the city. He noted that only a small amount of in-kind-labor would be required from the city.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the creation of a Letter of Support.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Authorization to bid Re: Water Tank roof repair

Stanchina requested authorization for Dixon Engineering to bid the Water Tank Roof Project. He noted that this project would be in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range. Jacobetti recommended choosing the higher quality option.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve Dixon Engineering to bid out the proposed Water Tank roof repairs.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot closure Re: mobile veterans unit

Stanchina relayed that the alley behind Dr. Villa's Office could be closed and not require the loss of any parking spaces.

Rosen conveyed that the mobile unit will inform veterans of their potential benefits.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to allow the mobile veterans unit to be located in the proposed location on June 28, 2010 from noon to 6 p.m.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

**Reports
Financial Reports**

None

City Manager Reports

B Street Lift Station

Stanchina noted that the new lift station can be connected once M.J. Electric has completed their portion of the project.

A Street Project

Stanchina relayed that the project is currently working on the 400 block of East A Street with the 400 block being completed by the end of the week.

Small Urban Paving

Stanchina communicated that the street that the project is repairing has been pulverized and curbing has been installed.

H Street Cross Walk

Stanchina noted that the Midtown Mall is interested in participating in this project.

Out-to-Lunch

Stanchina conveyed that the first event will be on Thursday at noon.

Alessandrini expressed the opinion that the engineering on Ludington Street may need to be reviewed. Stanchina will review the situation.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola noted that one of the tower lease tenants are requesting that the time they have to move their tower, in the event they leave the current location, is extended to eighteen months.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to allow the City Attorney to modify and certify the lease for Northern Star Broadcasting.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation

Villa noted that the Parks and Recreation Committee met with the Mountain View Ice Area and discussed their concerns. She conveyed that a Park Inventory and Recreation Plan were also discussed.

Public Comment

None

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Council Member Privilege

Rosen noted that the public can view the Veteran's Mobile Unit.

Villa asked what progress has been made on the speed bump project in City Park. Stanchina detailed the current position of the project.

Alessandrini conveyed how nice the City Cemetery looks.

Jacobetti suggested that it might be beneficial to get someone from the Highway Department to explain how the speed determination process works. Stanchina noted that the speed limit could be increased if a speed study is done.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer