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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, June 21, 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 & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Liability and Property Insurance discussion" be added as number twelve under New Business. It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the agenda with the proposed amendments.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2010

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 14, 2010

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Michelle Yuhasey - APWU 498-499 local Representative

She confirmed that the city had sent the resolution refuting the proposed Post Office closure. Yuhasey also clarified that a Post Office Representative will be presenting to the City Council on July 19, 2010, during the Regular Council Meeting.

Public Hearing

Amendment of Chapter 6, Animals, Article III, Dogs

Rosen Opened the Public Hearing

Stanchina noted that the ordinance will enforce the cleaning up of animal waste, while mobile or in resident's yards. Alessandrini supported the idea that fines can be adjusted by the City Council.

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd

She voiced her support of this ordinance change. Feleppa noted that there is no mention of leash laws in Chapter 6 of the City Ordinances, with the exception of vicious dogs.

Rosen Closed the Public Hearing

Old Business

Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Chapter 6, Animals, Article III, Dogs

Alessandrini confirmed that a leash requirement can not be added to the proposed ordinance changes at this time. Peterson confirmed that discretion is permitted within the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to adopt the proposed changes to Chapter 6, Article III of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Approval of Community Garden

Stanchina noted that there were no negative comments regarding the Community Garden. He relayed that the Building Healthy Communities Coalition needs to use their funds by September. Villa confirmed that the cost of watering the Community Garden will not be paid by the city.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to approve the development of a Community Garden.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Coleman Engineering Proposal Re: North Elementary Safe Routes to School

Stanchina noted that the Safe Routes to School Grant would be installing new sidewalk from Norway Street to Vulcan Street. He relayed that improvements would also be made from Kennedy to Apollo Drive. Stanchina noted that this project is 100% grant funding, with the city being responsible for the engineering. He communicated the idea that this project should be awarded to Coleman Engineering as they have been awarded the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant Project, a project that adjoins the Safe Routes to School Project. Stanchina relayed that Coleman Engineering has proposed a fee of \$19,862 for the Safe Routes to School Project, approximately 10% of the projects cost. Corombos confirmed that Coleman will be available during the projects construction. Alessandrini expressed the opinion that it would be optimal to have one engineering firm for both projects.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the design and construction of the Safe Routes to School Project to Coleman Engineering.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Street Closure Re: Millie Street between Main Street and Seventh Street

Stanchina relayed that David and Debbie Beauchamp have requested the closure of Millie Street from Main to Seventh Street on June 26, 2010 from one to five for a Gus Maker style Birthday Party. Stanchina noted that the Police Chief had no objections to this closure as it is not a busy street. Corombos clarified that the proposed site is not a busy street. Pirkola confirmed that the city does not incur additional liability, unless a defect causes the injury. Jacobetti expressed the opinion that this type of closure is not ideal for public right of way. Peterson expressed the opinion that it would have been ideal to have more details provided.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the closure of Millie Street from Main to Seventh Street on June 26, 2010 from one to five, contingent upon receiving the neighbor's written permission.

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

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

Approval of Mr. Bradley Maki Appointment Re: Planning Board

Stanchina conveyed that Mr. Healy's term on the Planning Board has expired and that Mr. Bradley Maki has expressed interest in joining the Planning Board. Peterson and Rosen expressed the opinion that Bradley Maki will be a valuable addition to the Planning Board.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to appoint Bradley Maki to the Planning Board.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2010-2011 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League

Stanchina noted that the proposed dues are \$3,980.00. He relayed that the MML fought against additional cuts in Revenue Sharing, it seems that they were able to turn a 4% decrease into a 1% increase. Stanchina expressed the opinion that the MML offers research and training opportunities. Peterson expressed the opinion that the MML is a means to get issues addressed. Rosen noted that the seated council has not taken full advantage of the opportunities the MML offers. Jacobetti suggested that it may be optimal to retain a list of items that the city has benefited from due to the MML.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the MML membership dues in the amount of \$3,980.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Northern Michigan Public Service Academy

Stanchina recommended the approval of the 2010-2011 membership dues in the amount of \$980.00. He noted that this organization always holds their training events in Marquette and that their training costs are always minimal.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy membership dues in the amount of \$980.00 and to set Jordan Stanchina as the primary and Isaac Micheau as the secondary.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Year End Budget Amendment

Stanchina detailed the Year End Budget Amendment document. He concluded that this amendment will create a zero net affect on the budget. Alessandrini suggested that it would be optimal to have the Khoury Property grated, so that it can be more easily maintained in the future.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to approve the Year End Budget Amendment.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2010-2011 Fee Schedule

Stanchina relayed that the following items have been added or updated on the proposed Fee Schedule: parking tickets prices, sign maintenance review, lease upgrading, parcel division application fees, dual burial fees, columbarium placement fees and marriage fees.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the proposed Fee Schedule.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish a Public Hearing Date Re: Purchase a Plow Truck and Pick Up Truck via Rural Development

Stanchina conveyed that the Rural Development Program has been extended due to excess American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. He relayed that the city would receive \$8,000 toward a pick up and \$43,000 toward a plow truck. Stanchina noted that the public must be made aware of the city's intentions to complete this process.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Peterson to approve the proposed Rural Development Applications.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Appointment Re: Construction Code Commission

Stanchina noted that Alessandrini's term expires on July 26, 2010.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the appointment of Dale Alessandrini to the Construction Code Commission.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve Dave Farragh as the alternate to the Construction Code Commission.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Liability and Property Insurance discussion

Stanchina noted that the city's Liability and Property Insurance will be expiring on July 1, 2010. He noted that the two main options that the city has is the Michigan Municipal League (MML) or Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). Stanchina conveyed that the city is considered self insured with MMRMA. He detailed the differences and similarities between the MML and MMRMA insurance options. A discussion ensued. It was concluded that it would be preferable to remain with MMRMA for the city's Liability and Property Insurance.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve MMRMA for the city's Liability and Property Insurance in the amount of \$101,314.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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**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. Peterson clarified that Line Item 110 was fully covered by the Revolving Loan Fund.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the Claims in the amount of \$658,408.37 and the Payroll in the amount of \$290,386.51.

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

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

City Manager Reports

Lift Station

Stanchina noted that the wet well and pumps have been installed. He noted that the project can proceed when WE Energies attaches the electrical lines.

East "A" Street

Stanchina noted that the water line on the 400 and 500 blocks has have been installed and is ready to have the laterals connected. He conveyed that the laterals can not be connected until the final test results are received, probably Monday. Stanchina noted that the contractor has started to install the water line on the 600 block in the mean time.

Small Urban Project

Stanchina noted that seed and mulch has been installed and the base layer has been completed.

Paving

Stanchina noted that the Fairbanks and Kimberly sections have a base layer, while the Kent section has not been started. He noted that additional TIFA paving will be taking place

Peterson asked Stanchina about the status of a sign at the Cemetery. Stanchina noted that the sign will be constructed when time permits, typically the fall.

Peterson asked what the status is on the Rental Housing Inspections. Stanchina noted that the inspections will be resumed shortly.

Peterson stressed the importance of addressing the drug situation in the city, perhaps utilizing grants.

Stanchina confirmed that the paving will most likely restart in late July or early August.

Alessandrini confirmed that Main Street to Vulcan Street will be paved this year.

Alessandrini asked what the status of the VA Cross walk is. Stanchina noted that the Midtown Mall and TIFA are going to complete their portion of the project.

Alessandrini noted several areas of long grass throughout the city.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina suggested that the Parks and Recreation Committee should meet this week.

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Public Comment

Barb Kramer – 135 Bradley Street

She noted that the corner of Kent and Carpenter needs to have its grass cut. Kramer congratulated the city on enforcing the speed limit Downtown.

Council Member Privilege

Peterson

She noted that she had missed the last two meetings due to a back injury.

Farragh

He asked if the new water meters have been installed. Farragh suggested that the Road Closure Policy be addressed.

Executive Session

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to move into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition with possible action ensuing.

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

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

Land Purchase

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to advertise for a land purchase and to hold a public hearing on July 19, 2010 for lots 66, 67 & 68 of Lumberman's Mining Company Second Edition, owned by Dan and Paula Swartout of 239 West Grant Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer