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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, August 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Peterson requested that "Discussion of DDA Survey" be added as number six of "New Business"

Peterson requested that "Discussion of Draft Minutes" be added as number seven of "New Business"

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the agenda with the above corrections.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2010.

Peterson communicated that she would like her objection to the bidding process on the Water Tank Roof, from the meeting of August 2, 2010, noted for the reasons that she stated on the record.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Mike Miller - 400 Lake Antoine Road

Miller relayed that an Upper Michigan Land Bank training will be taking place in Marquette, Michigan on September 30, 2010. He conveyed that the Vision 20/20 Program has approved him to pay for those City Officials and staff that are not able to pay the \$35 registration fee. Miller proceeded to detail who is and is not going to attend the training. Miller noted that Dickinson County is objectionable to "opting in", meaning they would have to hold their own auctions and could be required to receive property. He communicated the opinion that Dickinson County will not take action until they are required to. Miller led a discussion on various ways a land bank may be operated.

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval to Purchase a Pump Re: "M" Station

Stanchina noted that one of the two pumps at the lift station was replaced in 2008 and the second is now in need of replacement, due to inferior windings. The DPW Foreman recommended purchasing the same type of pump as the one that was installed in 2008 due to its performance and uniformity.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Farragh to approve the purchase of a new pump for the "M" Station in the amount of \$5,429.00, plus \$150.00 for freight.

Approval of Policy Amendment Re: #56 Funeral Flowers/Watches and Resolution for Retirees

Stanchina conveyed that the intent of the retirement watch is to recognize the employee and have the watch, along with a resolution, presented to them by the Mayor. He noted that this policy should be clarified, as a recent retiree misinterpreted its intent. A discussion pertaining to the policies underlying sentiments and application ensued.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed changes to policy #56, Funeral Flowers/Watches and Resolution for Retirees.

Rosen Aye

Corombos Aye

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Villa Aye
Jacobetti Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Farragh Aye
Peterson Nay

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

Approval to Rescind Policy Re: #69 City Summer Hours

Stanchina conveyed that the hours that are noted in policy #69 is now City Hall's permanent hours, thus he requested that policy #69 be rescinded. A discussion pertaining to the effectiveness of the cities current hours of operation ensued. It was concluded that changes in the cities hours of operations would have to be addressed when the current labor contract expires. It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to rescind policy #69, City Summer Hours.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Approval to Amend Policy Re: #29 and #42 City Hall/DPW Smoking Policy

Stanchina noted that Public Act 188 of 2009 has replaced Policies #29 and #42.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to rescind Policies #29 and #42, in lieu of a reference to Public Act 188 of 2009.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Approval of Appointment Re: City Civil Service Commission

Stanchina relayed that Mr. Greg Sleik has expressed interest in joining the City Civil Service Commission. Stanchina clarified that Mr. Sleik has met the residency requirement.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to appoint Mr. Sleik to the City Civil Service Commission.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Discussion of DDA Survey

Peterson requested that the current DDA Survey be adjusted, prior to being sent out. She requested some additional time for the DDA to review the survey. A discussion pertaining to whether or not the survey should be delayed ensued. It was found that the Main Street Manger, Jonathan Ringel, had not received a copy of the survey. Peterson voiced her support for delaying the survey, as to gain additional input from the DDA. Corombos express the opinion that the DDA can send their own survey if they wish and that the City Council would take its results under consideration. Jacobetti voiced his support for providing the DDA with up to a week to review the current DDA survey. Ringel spoke on the efforts that the DDA is undertaking concerning this topic.

Virginia Felleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake BLVD

She asked if there was a section on the survey that noted how long the individual taking the survey has been in business and located within the DDA. Felleppa noted that if only a few disgruntled people were to return the survey, its results would not be terribly accurate.

It was concluded by the City Council that the DDA has until Thursday morning to provide the city with the changes they would like to see made to the current DDA survey.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the current DDA Survey with changes being made at the discretion of City Manager Stanchina.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Draft Minutes

Peterson requested that minutes be e-mailed to the Council Members prior to the City Council receiving a draft in their meeting packet. It was agreed that a copy of the draft minutes will be sent prior to the creation of Council Packets.

No Action Taken

Reports

Financial Reports

Corombos recommended that the Claims and Payroll be approved as prepared

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the Claims in the amount of \$721,324.33 and the payroll in the amount of \$368,297.27.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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City Manager Reports

Water Tank Roof Bids

Stanchina relayed that he has been reviewing the previous concerns while bidding the Water Tank Roof. He noted that he included the Electrometric Roofing System in the second bid, with an increased warranty.

Cemetery Gate

Stanchina noted that the entry walls at the Cemetery have to be removed and several masons have conveyed that no parts of the current walls are suitable for rebuilding. Stanchina relayed that the rocks from the wall may be usable for a landscaping purpose.

Water Meter Radio Heads

Stanchina conveyed that the installation project has begun and training will be taking place. He noted that the Radio Heads that are being installed are compatible with other transmission equipment.

Rental Housing

Stanchina noted that the rental registration process will commence in the near future.

Alessandrini suggested that a portable toilet be put near the soccer field at City Park, so that all patrons are able to utilize the facilities. He noted that a portable toilet costs \$130/month. It was concluded that a portable toilet could be placed at the site, with the city and sports teams sharing the cost.

City Attorney Reports

Champion Water Line Easement

Pirkola noted that Champion's Attorney requested some small changes to the proposed agreement.

Northside Cable Agreement

Alessandrini noted that Northside cable did not have a problem with the rental costs, just some semantics within the language. He relayed that the escalator clause should be clarified within the proposed agreement. It was agreed that Pirkola would contact Northside Cable's Attorney.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Villa thanked the DDA and Main Street Program for their efforts.

Peterson expressed the opinion that the fire bell in front of the Fire Hall looks great. She expressed her appreciation for giving the DDA additional time on the DDA Survey. Peterson voiced her support for the Council Members to attend the Great Lakes Regional Summit.


Jacobetti asked when the city last had a speed study done on US2. He asked what the city is planning to do about deer control.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer