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

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: Council Member Peterson

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Gerald Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that a discussion on the Stables Bar take place. Rosen noted that item number four of New Business, "parking lot closure", is no longer necessary. He relayed that the discussion of the Stables Bar will take the place of the previous agenda item, "parking lot closure".

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2010

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2010.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 30, 2010

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 30, 2010.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion of Support Re: DDA TIFA and Development Plan

Rosen conveyed the idea that it would be optimal to discuss this matter after the survey results have been received and a Special Meeting with the DDA has been planned. Corombos and Alessandrini supported Rosen's sentiments.

No Action Taken

Approval to Charge for Property Lookup Information Re: BS&A Assessing and Tax Info.

Stanchina relayed that switching to a paid access system would allow the city to update on a real-time basis verses monthly, while reducing the city's cost by \$2,120.00 per year. He also noted that the city would receive profit sharing in the amount of 20% of the revenue. Stanchina ensured the council that property owners would not have their current level of service altered. He confirmed that updates can not be made to our system once taxes have been deemed delinquent, despite the fact that they might now be paid. He also confirmed that the record access fee would be set at \$2.00, without an option to increase it, as the collecting of fees is handled by BS&A Software. Stanchina detailed the process a home owner would utilize to access their information. Corombos questioned how the computer knows who owns a particular property. Stanchina conveyed that six municipalities in Marquette County use this system and have not experienced problems.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to charge for Property Lookups on both the Assessing and Tax Systems.

Motion Passed Unanimously

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Approval of Amendment to City Policy #26 Re: Search Fee Charged for Assessors Records

Stanchina relayed that the proposed policy change would allow the current policy, passed in 1990, to include a fee for both Assessment and Tax Records. He conveyed that property information would not be available to non-property owners over the telephone.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to amend City Policy #26, Search Fee Charged for Assessors Records.
Motion Passed Unanimously

Discussion of the Stables Bar

Alessandrini voiced his concern for the noise levels in reference to the Stables Bar. He expressed the opinion that the noise level and type of conversation can tend to be problematic. Stanchina relayed that he will look into this matter. The current Noise Ordinance was discussed.

No Action Taken

Approval of Pay Request #4 Re: James Peterson Sons Inc., West B St. Lift Station/East A St. Project

Stanchina noted that this pay request is largely comprised of work that has been performed on East A Street. He relayed that the proposed pay request is in the amount of \$245,577.12. Stanchina clarified that the city's storm drains and roadway pavement that was effected by the project will be addressed by James Peterson Sons, Inc., when the project is completed. He relayed that the projected completion date is October 1, 2010.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve James Peterson Sons, Inc. pay request in the amount of \$245,577.12.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Appointment of the Director of Planning and Community Development Re: Rental Housing Ordinance

Stanchina relayed that the Rental Housing Ordinance names the Director of Planning and Community Development as the only coordinator, therefore he requested that he be named as the Director of Planning and Community Development. He conveyed that he would then have the authority to officially delegate this task.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve Jordan Stanchina as the Director of Planning and Community Development.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Rosen noted that there has been a MERS transfer in the amount of \$32,649.04 on August 19, 2010.

City Manager Reports

Stanchina relayed that the annual audit will be underway on Thursday.

Stanchina conveyed that an Eagle Scout has proposed installing Park Benches in the area of the proposed Lake Antoine Trail.

Rosen requested a list of the hydrants that have been updated and installed recently.

Farragh clarified that the remote reading heads are in the process of being installed.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Jacobetti asked how the meeting on Deer Management went. Stanchina noted that a combination of Sharp Shooting and Bow Hunting was discussed. The City Council discussed options for enacting a Deer Management Program.

Rosen noted that the city has received about 20 point more on the preliminary scoring for the City Park Grant, than it had previously. He stressed the importance of community support for this grant application.

Public Comment

Mike Miller - 400 Lake Antoine Road

He relayed that Land Bank training will be taking place at the Land Mark Inn. The City Council reiterated their interest in the development of a Land Bank. Miller expressed the opinion that Dickinson County will have to be forced into the development of a Land Bank by the municipalities. Council Member Jacobetti and Corombos agreed to attend the training.

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Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley Street

She voiced her support for Mr. Miller's position on the development of a Land Bank.

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina clarified that the earthwork for the Water Tank Roof project is completed and was fiscally advantageous for the city to undertake.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer