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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2010 at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Gerald Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Peterson requested that "Discussion/Action of DDA Boundaries and Millage" be added as item eight under New Business. 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 October 18, 2010

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2010. Rosen abstained as he was not present.

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

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

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: DPW Pickup Truck

Town & County Sales

Base Bid – \$19,169.00

Add \$399.99 for a remote starter

Signature Ford

Base Bid - \$15,472.00

Total Price - \$16,841.00

Northern Motors

Base Bid - \$22,715.00

Referred to Staff

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New Business

Approval of Pay Request #1 Re: Bacco Construction Street Paving

Stanchina relayed that \$460,809.18 of paving had been completed as of October 16, 2010. He clarified that approximately \$250,000 is paving that will be paid for by the city, with the remainder to be funded by TIFA. Stanchina relayed that line striping was not included in the paving bids. Farragh conveyed that rail road pavement markings are required and should be painted where new pavement was installed.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve Bacco Constructions Pay Request in the amount of \$460,809.18.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of a Letter of Support Re: Application for National Register of Historic Places

Stanchina detailed the process a community would follow to become part of the National Register of Historic Places. He noted that the proposed letter of support would be to support the Main Street Program in competing for free consulting resources towards the Application for the National Register of Historic Places. Main Street Manager, Jonathan Ringel, relayed that the initial boundaries of the district would follow the current Main Street District. He conveyed that property owners would not be required to follow historic standards; however, there would be incentives towards historic preservation. It was moved by Peterson and supported by Villa to approve the proposed letter of support.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Draft a Resolution Re: Extinguish Open Skate Agreement with Mountain View Board

Stanchina relayed that the City of Iron Mountain lent the Mountain View Ice Arena funds to purchase fire and theft insurance in the early nineties and received free skate tickets for the city's residents in return. He noted that a second agreement was signed in 1995 that continued to allow free open skate and discontinued the city purchasing insurance for the Mountain View Ice Arena; open skate was to continue until their debt to the city was paid. Stanchina recommended that the 1995 agreement be extinguished.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to have the City Attorney Draft a Resolution to extinguish Agreement 1A.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Close City Hall Re: The Day After Thanksgiving

Stanchina requested that City Hall be closed on the Day after Thanksgiving as scheduling for that day can be a challenge, in light of the holiday.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to Close City Hall on the Day after Thanksgiving.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request from Markell Company Re: East A St. Water Tank Roof

Stanchina relayed that the project has been completed and was completed on budget, at a price of \$35,955.00.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the Markell Company's pay request in the amount of \$35,955.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Tax-Foreclosed Property Title Transfer Re: Zephyr Gas Station

Stanchina relayed that the old Zephyr Gas Station was not purchased at the tax sale and will be given to the city, by the State of Michigan, unless ownership is refused. It was concluded that the property comes with no guarantee of being contamination free. Farragh suggested that this matter be tabled. He suggested that the condition of that properties retaining wall be reviewed.

Matter Tabled

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Approval of Insurance Reimbursement Re: Water Damage Claim

Stanchina relayed that \$4,394.85 of water damage was caused in a resident's basement, as a result of a hole not being filled, while water service lines were being repaired. Peterson expressed the opinion that the Nelson's should receive more compensation for their lost time and effort. She relayed that she would be voting no on this issue as she believes the proposed reimbursement amount does not adequately compensate the home owners.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to settle the proposed water damage claim in the amount of \$4,394.85

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

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

Discussion/Action of DDA Boundaries and Millage

Stanchina recommended that the City Attorney review the current DDA District and the viability of revising it.

No Action Taken

Reports

Financial Reports

1st Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Report

The council appeared to find the report satisfactory. Corombos concluded that the budget would most likely have to be amended before the end of the budget year and that typically isn't enough information know by the first quarter to warrant a budget amendment.

City Manager Reports

Stanchina relayed that the catch basins at the base of the East A Street Project will be cleaned by the contractor now that the project is complete.

Stanchina conveyed that the recent Health Care Bill is requiring that dependants are permitted to remain on the city insurance until the age of 26. He noted that this change is predicted to add 1.4% to the city's health care premiums.

Stanchina noted that the deer management plan is going ahead and that interest will gage what areas will be utilized during the upcoming deer hunt.

Stanchina communicated that the city will be required to replace all its regulatory signs that do not meet the new retro reflectivity requirements by 2015. He also relayed that all the street signs will have to meet similar retro reflectivity requirements by 2018. It was estimated that it will cost \$70 to upgrade the street signs at each intersection in town.

Stanchina relayed that the city's budgeted deficit of \$30,000 became a \$40,000 surplus by the end of last year's budget.

Stanchina conveyed that the term "reappraisal" should be renamed a "revaluation", as the state did not require a reappraisal. He expressed the idea that the city does not want the state to actually require one, so the term that is being used should be revised.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Linnea Marchetti – 614 West Ludington Street

She relayed that she is the current DDA Chair Person and she requested an additional joint meeting. Rosen suggested that a joint meeting be postponed till the council has had adequate time to review the DDA redistricting options.

Kevin Pirlot – 603 West Fleshiem

He stressed the importance of a Land Bank when tax foreclosed properties are concerned. Pirlot noted the high cost of doing nothing when tax foreclosed properties are concerned.

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Council Member Privilege

Peterson asked if the city could provide additional signage and help repair the Veteran's Memorial. She noted that a Hospice Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday. Peterson expressed her support for the development of a Hospice Program.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer