

# *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Corombos, Farragh & Alessandrini

Absent: Council Member Jacobetti, Villa & Peterson

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

## **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda as prepared.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 26, 2010*

Rosen noted that Council Member Peterson and he were both in attendance and not absent.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 26, 2010, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2010*

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2010.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Bid Award Re: DPW Pickup Truck**

Stanchina recommended that the City accept Signature Ford's bid in the amount of \$17,241.00, as they were the low bidder.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the purchase of a 2011 Pick up Truck from Signature Ford in the amount of \$17,241.00.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Bid Opening Re: DPW Plow Truck**

*Wisconsin Kenworth (just chassis)*

w/ automatic transmission      \$93,390

w/ manual transmission      \$88,390

Trade in Value (reduce by)      \$7,000

*Casper's Truck Equipment (just dump box and plow blade)*

Dump Body and Plow Blade      \$33,333

*Schultz Equipment and Parts Company*

7600 model

Olson w/ automatic transmission      \$141,035

Monroe w/ automatic transmission      \$141,739

Trade in Value (reduce by)      \$5,500

Standard Transmission (reduce by)      \$11,500

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7500 model	
Olson w/ automatic transmission	\$123,235
Monroe w/ automatic transmission	\$123,839
Trade in Value (reduce by)	\$5,500
Standard Transmission (reduce by)	\$11,500

**Referred to the Infrastructure Committee**

**New Business**

**Approval of Pay Request #6 Re: James Peterson Sons, Inc., West B St. Lift Station/East A St. Project**

Stanchina stated that this pay request involves primarily drive way approaches and boulevard restoration. He noted that the majority of this pay request was lowering the retainer from 10% to 5%. Stanchina said that a retainer of \$68,942.00 will remain.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve Pay Request #6 to James Peterson and Sons in the amount of \$74,639.48.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Street Closure Re: The Downtown Christmas Walk**

Stanchina informed the council that the Main Street Program has requested the following streets to be closed on December 2, 2010 from 4:00 - 9:00 pm:

East Hughitt Street from Iron Mountain Street to Stephenson Avenue.

Iron Mountain Street from East Hughitt Street to East "A" Street

East "A" Street from Iron Mountain Street to Stephenson Avenue.

Corombos clarified that the parking lot behind the Downtown Plaza will be open for the event.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to close the requested streets on 12/2/2010 from 4:00-9:00 pm.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Contribution Re: Office of Veterans Affairs Share Your Christmas**

Stanchina communicated the idea that the City's contribution to the Share Your Christmas Program should be reduced to its 2008 level, due to additional charitable contributions during the year. He stated the opinion that the City Attorney should review what the City is donating to and verify that it is legal to donate to them. Stanchina recommended approving a \$300.00 donation for the Share Your Christmas Program. Alessandrini voiced the opinion that \$500.00 should be donated to this charity, as it assists with Christmas Baskets. He stated that he would vote yes, as long as this topic is added to the next agenda.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve a \$300.00 donation to the Share Your Christmas Program.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Introduction and Set Public Hearing Date for Ordinance Amendment Re: Purchasing Sec. 2-276. Dollar limitations of the Code of Ordinances.**

Stanchina relayed that it would be preferable to increase the purchase limit of items purchased without prior council approval, as the current limit was set in 1997. He noted that inflation has occurred since 1997 and that ordinary purchases are starting to approach the purchasing limit. Stanchina stated that three estimates would have to be provided in order to purchase items between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to set a Public Hearing on December 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**October Claims and Payroll**

Corombos noted that item number 49 is being verified, to ensure that the City is paying the correct amount.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Claims in the amount of \$1,394,837.76 and the Payroll in the amount of \$345,698.02.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Annual Investment Report**

Stanchina expressed the opinion that the City's investments are not providing an optimal return on investment. He explained the report provided by CFO Bartolameolli. Bartolameolli relayed that local institutions are providing better investments than non-local right now. She noted that an increase in the FDIC insurance limit is helping the investment situation.

**No Action Taken**

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Rosen informed the City Council that \$3,586.93 of Medicare Taxes and \$7,664.93 of Social Security Taxes were paid in October.

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Lilja Fund Project*

Stanchina noted that the Lilja Fund had an irrigation system installed at the Chapin Pit terracing site, with additional improvements to follow. He stated that the Millie Hill Bat Viewing Trail had additional funds available and was able to be extended to the Chapin Pit terracing site. Alessandrini asked if the terracing area will need a fence.

#### *Water Tank Roof*

Stanchina relayed that the roof is complete. He noted that the D.N.R.E. asked the City to chlorinate through the first week in December.

#### *"H" Street Cross Walk*

Stanchina stated that the project is complete, with the exception of some line striping.

#### *Snow Plow Safety*

Stanchina conveyed that the Snow Plow Safety course has been completed at North and Central Elementary. Farragh asked if the Catholic School has been included in the program. Stanchina will look into this matter.

#### *Winter Sand*

Stanchina informed the council that winter sand has been purchased from Morin Excavating. He noted that the City has chosen the option that included the pieces of roof shingles. Stanchina stated that this year will be a test to see if the new sand will cut down on the amount of sand the City uses.

#### *Tower Leases*

Stanchina noted that Range Telecommunications has accepted a tower lease agreement and that back rent is currently being processed. He added that Bethesda Lutheran has also agreed on a lease. Stanchina explained the reason for Bethesda Lutheran receiving a lower rate than Range Telecommunications.

#### *Health Insurance*

Stanchina clarified that both current and retired employees with dependents between the age of 19 and 26 will be able to be added to the City's Health Insurance. He noted that since the health plan has not changed, dependents would be required to take insurance from an employer, if offered.

#### *Deer Culling Program*

Stanchina requested that a Deer Management Map be approved, as there are no areas approved at this time. He recommended that the City property on Millie Hill and at the tower sites be approved for the Deer Culling Program. Stanchina confirmed that private property owners will still be able to hunt on their own land. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a Deer Management Map that includes the Millie Hill and tower sights.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### *City Budget*

Stanchina relayed that a deficit of approximately \$400,000 is projected for the upcoming budget. He expressed a desire to begin formulating a strategy to deal with the potential shortfall.

### **City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola stated that the proposed tower lease has been sent to North Side Cable's Attorney.

### **Committee Reports**

Stanchina relayed that Villa attended her first Mountain View Ice Arena meeting.

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**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

*Alessandrini*

Alessandrini wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

*Farragh*

Farragh expressed his frustration for the seemingly unnecessary reappraisal that took place under a previous City Assessor. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Rosen*

Rosen read a letter of appreciation from Mr. Moraska concerning the Iron Mountain Water Department. A copy of the letter will be placed in each pertinent employees file.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer