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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Corombos, Farragh, Villa & Jacobetti

Absent: Council Members Peterson & Alessandrini

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2010

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2010.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Jonathan Ringel – Main Street Manager

He stated that the Iron Mountain Main Street Program has received a national accreditation for the second year in a row.

Ringel detailed the areas in which the Main Street Program was evaluated. He informed the City Council that the City of Iron Mountain has been awarded nomination assistance for the National Register of Historic Places, a \$50,000 value. Ringel conveyed that a 20% federal tax credit would be available for costs associated with building rehabilitation within the district.

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

She asked if the matching funds for the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant have been collected. Rosen relayed that half the funds have been raised, leaving approximately \$80,000 remaining. He stated that fundraising efforts will resume after the first of the year.

Old Business

None

New Business

Audit Presentation

Mark Campbell, of Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C., presented the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010. He relayed that the General Fund's balance has increased by \$80,491.00, creating a balance of \$1,535,565.00. Campbell clarified the process of determining the unfunded Retiree Health Insurance liability. Stanchina stressed the importance of addressing the projected \$507,000.00 short fall in the upcoming budget. He addressed several other concerns that the city may face in the upcoming budget year.

No Action Taken

Discussion of Tax Foreclosed Property Re: Former Zephyr Gas Station

Stanchina conveyed the idea that it would be preferable for the city to not object to taking title of the former Zephyr Gas Station, as it would allow the City maximum control of the property. He stated that the City would be immune from any liabilities that are associated with contamination. Stanchina clarified that the previous owner would be responsible for the clean up costs and that the site could be capped if the previous owner could not afford to clean up the site.

No Action Taken

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Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina detailed the items that are included in the General Fund Reserves.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve General Fund Reserves in the amount of \$103,411.94.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Holiday Premium Re: Part-time Fire Fighters

Stanchina stated that it would cost \$720 to offer a Holiday Premium to the Part-time Fire Fighters on their six holidays.

Rosen voiced his support for the approval of the Holiday Premium.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Jacobetti to approve a \$5/hour wage increase for the Part-time Fire Fighters on the six holidays that are listed in the IMF Contract.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Request Proposals Re: Actuarial Analysis of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Stanchina relayed that the last Actuarial Analysis of OPEB was December 31, 2007. It was concluded that the current liability is between twenty and twenty three million dollars. Stanchina relayed that \$16,500 has been budgeted for this analysis.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the requesting of a proposal for an Actuarial Analysis of Other Post Employment Benefits.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Board of Review Appointment Re: Theresa Guiliani

Stanchina communicated that Ms. Guiliani has served on the Board of Review in the past and has express interest in continuing to sit on the board.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to appoint Ms. Theresa Guiliani to another three year term on the Board of Review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Revenue and Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010

Bartolameolli clarified the method by which the road management funds are received and spent.

No Action Taken

Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the Claims in the amount of \$1,295,249.86 and the Payroll in the amount of \$284,818.52.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina informed the Council that June 15, 2011 would be the deadline for finalizing the Downtown Development Authority Millage.

Stanchina stated that Iron Mountain had the lowest tax rate out of any city in Dickinson County, for the 2010 Tax Season.

Stanchina communicated that the Bow Hunt has claimed three deer.

Stanchina clarified that the Police and Fire Building would be eligible for the remainder of the \$59,000 grant the City has received to update the HVAC System in City Hall, as long as efficiency is increased.

City Attorney Report

None

Committee Reports

Rosen requested that the Parks and Recreation Committee meet after the first of the year to discuss fundraising for City Park.

Public Comment

None

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Council Member Privilege

Council Members Farragh, Villa, Jacobetti and Rosen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Executive Session Re: Pending Litigation

It was moved by Rosen supported by Farragh to move into Executive Session *at 7:31 p.m.*

Farragh Aye
Corombos Aye
Jacobetti Aye
Rosen Aye
Villa Aye

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

Executive Session ended at 7:51 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer