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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: City Manger Stanchina

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Peterson, Corombos & Farragh

Absent: Council Members Rosen, Alessandrini & Villa

Also Present: Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Gerald Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Farragh requested that "Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining" be added after "Council Member Privilege". 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 January 17, 2011

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2011, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 24, 2011

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2011, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Bob Moraska – West D Street

He stated that two individuals, claiming to live at 805 Carpenter Avenue, have been excluded from the Midtown Mall due to inappropriate behavior. Moraska relayed the opinion that he and his neighbors do not want the proposed rooming house in their neighborhood.

Public Hearing for Vacating Alley Right of Way Re: 1100 Block of Stephenson Ave.

He stated that there was a request from Andrea Fornetti to vacate an alley, adjacent to Spuds Bistro. Stanchina read the description of the property that would be vacated. He said that the parcel is 50' long and 20' wide.

Stanchina opened the Public Hearing

Public Comment

None

Stanchina Closed the Public Hearing

Old Business

Authorization to Vacate Alley Right of Way Re: 1100 Block of Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina clarified that the city does not need the below mentioned property as a buffer from the highway.

Description of Alley Vacation

VACATION OF ALLEY ROW ADJACENT TO EAST CORNER OF LOT 5 BLOCK 23 AND EAST EDGE OF US2 ROW, RUNNING NORTH FROM STANTON ST. TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 2 OF BLOCK 23 IN KIMBERLYS 4TH ADDITION.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the authorization to vacate the alley right-of-way, as described above.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Request to Purchase City Owned Land Directly East of the Police Department Parking Lot

Stanchina stated that Dr. Fornetti is interested in building a new professional office and that he would like to purchase the city owned lot directly adjacent to the Police & Fire Building parking lot, lot number one. Stanchina relayed the idea of a land swap for lot number 1 and a lot directly behind the Police and Fire Building, lot number nine. He conveyed that that a majority vote by the City Council would be required to move onto the next step. Farragh expressed the idea that the Police and Fire Building could benefit from the additional road access provided by lot number nine. Peterson asked how future expansion of the Police and Fire Building may take place. Stanchina explained a possible option for future expansion. Farragh clarified that the Police and Fire Building would have access from both Fleshiem and Brown Street, pending the completion of the proposed land swap. He clarified the current locations of drainage structures.

Property Description

PART OF LOT 1 BEG AT A POINT ON S LINE 42.34 FT E OF SW COR OF LOT 1; TH W ALG S LINE 42.34 FT TO SW COR OF LOT 1; TH N ALG W LINE 120 FT TO NW COR; THE ALG N LINE 40.7 FT; S'LY 120 FT TO P.O.B. ALSO THE E FT OF LOT 2 BLK 4 OF THE PLAT OF THE CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to proceed with the request for the above mentioned city property, per a land swap.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Opening of Proposals for Actuarial Services regarding Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Valuation.

Stanchina conveyed that this evaluation should be performed every three years. He relayed that the last evaluation was performed at a cost of \$9,300. Stanchina relayed that a proposal from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co. was the only proposal that had been received. He clarified that there are standard items that must be completed within any OPEB valuation. The City Council proceeded to discuss the City's overall actuarial situation.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Peterson to approve the OPEB valuation proposal from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co. in the amount of \$8,405, pending their proposal meets the specifications as provided in the RFP.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Resolution regarding the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Facility

Stanchina detailed the proposed resolution regarding connections from entities outside of the corporate limits. He conveyed the idea that this resolution could help ensure the plants optimal operation in the future. Stanchina relayed that Breitung Township has an agreement that would allow them to use up to 125,000 gallons of capacity per day.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed resolution for the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Facility.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Sewer Creek Right-of-Way Lease Agreement for Dickinson County Healthcare System at 1100 S. Carpenter Ave.

Stanchina stated that the lease terms for the Dickinson County Health System are exactly the same as the previous lease. He noted that the city will receive half of \$1,125 per year. Stanchina clarified that the rate is increased annually, at the rate of inflation.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Farragh to rescind the prior lease agreement with Mr. James and Bernice Brown for the Sewer Creek Right-of-Way.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Farragh to approve the lease agreement with the Dickinson County Health Care System for the Sewer Creek Right-of-Way.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Mid-Year Budget Amendment

Stanchina noted that the instillation of the water tank roof and improvements on Ludington Street were a couple of the major adjustments to the budget. He stated that the projected \$92,000 deficit will be \$56,000 after the amendment is passed.

Stanchina largely attributed the decrease in the deficit to an increase in tower lease revenue. Bartolameolli said that interest earnings may be less than originally projected, due to low interest rates and bonds being recalled. Stanchina detailed several areas that the Tax Incremental Finance Authority was able to reimburse expenses.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed Mid-Year Budget Amendment.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report at 12/31/2010

The City Council reviewed the proposed Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report.

Filled as prepared

City Manager Reports

Stanchina stated that the proposed shelter at 805 Carpenter Ave. is currently being evaluated by Code Enforcement Officer Mulka. He detailed the current status of this project. Peterson noted that fire safety must be addressed if the buildings use is changing.

Stanchina informed the City Council on a TIFA project to upgrade several Heating Ventilation and Air-conditioning (HVAC) units. He stated that the project is 100% grant funded.

Stanchina said that the install of the new phone system will begin next week.

Peterson questioned several items that the Planning Board discussed during their discussion of the City's Master Plan. Stanchina provided more details about her areas of concern. He noted that the Planning Board makes recommendations and that the City Council ultimately must approve the Master Plan. The City Council discussed several options for the upcoming Planning Board conversion.

Peterson requested an update on the tax look up station and she noted that several items that were out of date on the website.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola stated that he has located the Delta County Road Commission File and is currently reviewing it.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Peterson noted that a hospice training program will be taking place at the Dickinson County Health System Library.

Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to move into Executive Session *at 8:10 p.m.*

Peterson Aye

Jacobetti Aye

Corombos Aye

Farragh Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0)

Executive Session ended at 9:13 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer