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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Rosen stated that "Approval of a no charge pavilion rental Re: the Intermediate School District" should be added to the agenda as item number six under New Business. He also conveyed that "Special Meeting of January 31, 2011" should be added to the agenda as item number two under Minutes. Farragh requested that "Discussion of Quinnesec/Lake Antoine Road" be added to the agenda as item number seven under new business.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of March 7, 2011

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Special Meeting of January 31, 2011

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of January 31, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Mark Gagnon -204 W. Brown St.

He conveyed that the City should have a zero tolerance policy towards deer residing in the City. Gagnon stated that there is no need for the City to hire sharp shooters as the City already has many residents that are talented deer hunters. He expressed the opinion that an online fund raiser may be able to provide the funds necessary to clean up Crystal Lake or improve City Park. Peterson clarified that a previous City Council hired the sharp shooters and that the City does not retain sharp shooters annually.

Old Business

Lake Antoine Bike Path Funding Agreement

Stanchina stated that the Lake Antoine Road currently has a three foot paved shoulder with four feet of gravel adjoining. He relayed that the proposed bike path calls for a six foot paved shoulder with one foot of gravel adjoining, thus avoiding any easement issues. Stanchina conveyed that the project could be funded through in-kind work by the City, TIFA funding and Dickinson County Bike Path Committee funding. Rosen voiced his objection to this project due to the current financial climate. Alessandrini, Peterson and Jacobetti voiced their support for this project.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to approve the proposed Lake Antoine Bike Path Agreement.

Rosen Nay

Jacobetti Aye

Peterson Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Corombos Aye

Villa Aye

Farragh Aye

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

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New Business

Request to Close Hughitt St. from Stockbridge Ave. to Prospect Ave. During School Hours

Stanchina stated that the Iron Mountain Public Schools requested to have West Hughitt Street closed from Stockbridge to Prospect Ave. during school hours.

Scott McClure - 1001 E F St.

He relayed that the school is requesting this closure due to safety concerns and that the school would be responsible for blocking off the road. McClure conveyed that this change would result in a savings of \$1,300 annually for both the City and the Iron Mountain Public Schools. He confirmed that there has not been an accident on the section of street that is being proposed for closure.

Alessandrini expressed his opposition to the proposed street closure due to a possible increase of traffic on A Street, which would increase an existing safety concern. Farragh voiced his objection to this idea due to the fact that Hughitt Street is an Act 51 street, there would be increased difficulty in snow removal and that the daily road closing procedure would be very cumbersome. Jacobetti relayed his support for this request based on the increased safety. Corombos conveyed the opinion that this street closure may be fixing a problem that does not exist. He suggested that the school could reconfigure their parking lot to include a safer drop off zone. Corombos detailed the safety measures that the City has already put in place. Peterson stated the observation that the children crossing A Street are older than those crossing Hughitt and that she would be willing to trust Mr. McClure's judgment.

Mike Dave Irwin - School Liaison Officer

He conveyed the opinion that traffic would most likely shift to A Street if the proposed street closure was approved. Irwin relayed that there have not been any accidents, but that parents not following the signage in front of the Central School have been known to add to potential safety concerns.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Farragh to table this request.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Resolution Acknowledging the Closure of Tamarack St. from West C St. North to the Alley

Stanchina stated that the proposed section of Tamarack Street must be decertified for the purposes of the ACT 51 map, despite the fact that the section of road has already been abandoned.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to decertify the proposed 146' section of Tamarack Street between W. C St. and the alley between W. C St. and W. B St.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of DDA Appointment Re: Mr. Bruce Ortttenburger

Stanchina said that Mr. Ortttenburger's term expires on 4/4/2011 and that he is interested in serving another term.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve Mr. Ortttenburger for another term on the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request #7 for East A St. Project Re: James Peterson and Sons Inc.

Stanchina relayed that \$5,000 would be sufficient for the remaining work that must be done on East A Street, primarily restoring the boulevards. He recommended that a payment of \$55,291.83 be made to James Peterson and Sons Inc.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a payment in the amount of \$55,291.83 to James Peterson Sons Inc.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of a Contribution for the Northwoods Garden Club

Stanchina conveyed that the Northwoods Garden Club is requesting a donation of \$500 to do plantings in various locations throughout the City. He confirmed that the City's donation only contributes to flowers that are planted within our city.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Alessandrini to approve a donation of \$500 to the Northwoods Garden Club.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of a no charge pavilion rental Re: the Intermediate School District

Stanchina stated that the Intermediate School District is requesting the use of the City Park Pavilion on 5/19/2011. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a no charge pavilion rental for the Great Start Program on 5/19/2011.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Quinnesec/Lake Antoine Road

Farragh expressed his concern for the increased level of truck traffic that would be present on Stephenson Ave. if the road restrictions were not lifted on the Lake Antoine Road. He suggested that a letter be sent to our legislators and Dickinson County regarding this matter.

Reports

Financial Reports

Corombos recommended that the Claims and Payroll be paid.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to pay the Claims in the amount of \$806,934.24 and the Payroll in the amount of \$266,024.44.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina relayed that the current weather makes it challenging to fix pot holes.

Stanchina detailed a recent communication from Governor Snyder pertaining to revenue sharing, now referred to as the Economic Incentive Vitality Program. Stanchina conveyed that there are still several grey areas in the Governor's plan.

Alessandrini noted that Smith, Vulcan & Stanton Street could use some maintenance. It was clarified that a letter will be sent to the pertinent legislators concerning the safety and maintenance issues associated with imposing permanent weight restrictions on the Lake Antoine Road.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola reported that he is working with CFO Bartolameolli on the reassessment law suit.

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that a Parks and Recreation meeting needs to be scheduled.

Public Comment

Kevin Pirlot - 603 W. Fleshiem Street

He suggested that there may be a requirement for the county to offer a truck route, as they took state funds to construct the Lake Antoine Road.

Council Member Privilege

Jacobetti stated that federal funds were used in the construction of the Lake Antoine Road. Stanchina communicated that he has received a preliminary opinion that the road is only required to be a truck route during the useful life of the project.

Farragh noted that our police department tends to become responsible for the mentally ill who need observation at the Dickinson County Hospital, at the City's expense. Stanchina conveyed that the City's legal obligations concerning this issue are currently being evaluated.

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Executive Session

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to move into executive session.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Collective Bargaining

Peterson stated that she will be voting no on this issue due to the precedent it would set.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Iron Mountain Police Department's policemen and lieutenants allowing for a wage increase of \$.60 per hour, a one time \$1,000 bonus and an annual employee health insurance contribution of \$208 per year, effective July 1, 2010.

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

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

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer