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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: Council Member Peterson

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

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Acceptance of Resignation Re: Council Member Peterson" be added as number twelve under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of May 2, 2011

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of May 2, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Special Meeting of May 4, 2011

Corombos noted that May 4, 2011 occurred on a Wednesday, not a Monday.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2011, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Budget Workshop of May 4, 2011

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Consideration of Special Use Permit Re: First Covenant Church

Stanchina recommended that the City Council approve the proposed addition to the First Covenant Church. He stated that the proposed expansion would include a 1,071 ft² handicapped accessible entrance. Stanchina conveyed that no additional worship space would be added.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the Special Use Permit for the First Covenant Church.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of DDA Boundaries

Rosen opened the Public Hearing

No discussion was offered.

Rosen closed the Public Hearing

Stanchina stated that the proposed DDA boundary would be the current DDA boundary minus the legal description that included the Midtown Mall.

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It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed DDA boundaries as advertised.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to approve a Downtown Development Authority millage in the amount of 1.5 mills for a period of 2 years.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Old Business

Consideration for an Additional Baseball Field at the East Side Complex

Stanchina detailed the site plan for the proposed baseball field. He clarified that the terrain will be contoured to meet the needs of the project and that the soil will be adequate for their needs. Jacobetti requested that erosion control be utilized on this project. Stanchina clarified that the proposed baseball field would be utilized as an overflow field only.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to allow the Iron Mountain North Area Little League to develop the proposed baseball field, while utilizing erosion controls and with no cost to the City.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Introduce Zoning Text Amendment and set a Public Hearing Re: Planning Board to a Planning Commission

Stanchina stated that the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act of 2008 requires that the Planning Board be renamed to a Planning Commission. He conveyed that the only change would be the name and that no additional duties or powers would need to be approved.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to set a public hearing for June 6, 2011, at 6:30pm for the purpose of changing the Planning Board to a Planning Commission.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Purchase Agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and Dr. John Fornetti

Stanchina confirmed that Dr. John Fornetti is hoping to break ground on June 1, 2011. He conveyed that the City now has a baseline environmental assessment, in its name, for the property that is being exchanged. Rosen and Alessandrini voiced their support for the approval of this agreement.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the proposed purchase agreement with Eureka Real Estate LLC. , permitting minor modifications to the agreement.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Liquor License Transfer Re: Northfield Restaurant

Stanchina relayed that the transfer would be from an individual's name to a trust.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the liquor license transfer from Dale Wiggins to a trust that is co-owned by Dale and Alice Wiggins.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Close Downtown Parking Lots Re: Third Tuesday Event

Stanchina conveyed that the proposed event would include shopping, games & a free movie on the third Tuesday in June, July and August from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to close the parking lot directly in front of the community performance stage on June 21, July 19 and August 16 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Park Pavilion Use for No Charge Re: Central PTO

Stanchina confirmed that any group using the City Park pavilion must provide a \$75.00 security deposit.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to authorize a no charge City Park pavilion rental for the Central PTO on June 6, 2011 between 8:00am and 3:30 pm.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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CUPPAD Grant Administration Contract Re: MEDC ICE Project

Stanchina stated that Coleman Engineering has requested to have CUPPAD provide the grant administration for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Project that will be taking place this summer on 5th, Broadway and Main Street. He conveyed that CUPPAD would receive \$3,000 for their efforts, leaving Coleman Engineering \$32,696 for the completion of their portion of the project. Stanchina confirmed that the City would not incur any additional costs due to this change. He explained that CUPPAD would not be working on behalf of Coleman Engineering, but as an agent between the City of Iron Mountain and the MEDC.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with CUPPAD, in the amount of \$3,000, for the MEDC ICE Project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bid Re: EZ2 Valve Installations

Stanchina communicated that a 12" and a 6" EZ2 Valve is needed at the intersection of Aragon and 6th Street. He noted that an additional EZ2 Valve may also be needed at Millie and 5th Street. Stanchina stated that the valves must be installed in order to allow portions of the water system to be shut off. He stressed the importance of this project as it directly affects the upcoming MEDC ICE Project. Stanchina estimated that the cost of this project would be around \$20,000. Jacobetti suggested that the Infrastructure Committee view the statement of work for this project.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to solicit bids for the installation of a 12" and a 6" EZ2 Valve at the intersection of Aragon and 6th Street, with the possibility of installing an additional valve at the intersection of Millie and 5th Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Submit the Pre-application Re: USDA Rural Development Grant for a Squad Car

Stanchina relayed that a pre-application must be filled in order for the City to take advantage of a USDA Rural Development Grant for a squad car. He clarified that the City is not compelled to purchase a squad car if a pre-application is filled. Stanchina noted that the School Liaison's Chevrolet Impala is in need of replacement. He clarified that the final cost of a squad car should be about \$30,000, including the required equipment. Stanchina communicated that a grant would reduce the cost of a squad car by 25%.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the pre-application for a USDA Rural Development Grant to purchase a squad car.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization of Release Agreement Re: MMRMA Insurance

Pirkola stated that the City has received a threat of litigation for using an unlicensed image on the City website. He relayed that the insurance company has advised the City to settle the claim.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to settle with McCormack Intellectual Property on behalf of Getty Images for the amount of \$4,550, with the exception of clause number 8.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2011-2012 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League

Stanchina communicated the idea that the Michigan Municipal League (MML) has been active in lobbying for and notifying cities of issues of interest. He stated the opinion that it is optimal for the City to belong to this organization. Jacobetti questioned the MML's value to the City.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Farragh to approve the MML dues in the amount of \$3,980.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Attend MML Regional Seminar in Houghton

Stanchina requested authorization to attend the MML Regional Seminar in Houghton at a cost not to exceed \$200. He informed the City Council that they may attend this conference if they choose.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve City Manager Stanchina and any interested City Council Members to attend the MML Conference in Houghton.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Acceptance of Resignation Re: Council Member Peterson

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to accept Council Member Peterson's letter of resignation and to authorize the advertising of the open position.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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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 \$557,541.54 and the Payroll in the amount of \$347,771.22.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina noted the thank you letter that was received by the Code Enforcement Department.

Stanchina conveyed that the City wide refuse pickup is not cost prohibitive when held during the day.

Stanchina relayed that TIFA will be assisting with the M.J. Electric expansion and that Dr. Fornetti will begin the construction of his new clinic soon.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina updated the City Council on the areas that the Infrastructure Committee felt should be paved this summer.

Public Comment

Jack Lachapelle - 531 Detroit Avenue

He stated that the alley located behind his house is in need of repair.

Stanchina conveyed that the pot holes could be filled, but that there are currently no City funds available to pave the alley.

Mr. Dennis Chellew - Midtown Mall General Management

He thanked the City Council for removing the Midtown Mall from the Downtown Development District. Chellew stated his willingness to coordinate events with the downtown.

Council Member Privilege

Jacobetti requested that a Resolution of Acclaim be drafted for Tina Peterson for her efforts on the City Council.

Stanchina relayed that the City Hall Heating, Ventilating and Cooling project is underway. He stated that the project is grant funded and that it will reduce the City's utility costs.

Farragh noted that the stop light at the intersection of H Street and US2 is not operating properly. Stanchina stated that the City has no control over the traffic pattern of stop lights. Jacobetti suggested that Stanchina contact Randy VanPortfleet at the Escanaba Michigan Department of Transportation office to get the traffic patterns throughout the City reviewed.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer