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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Claims and Payroll" be added under Financial Reports, "Bacco Construction Contract Extension Re: MEDC ICE Project" be added as number one under New Business and "Resolution for City Park Fundraiser" be added as number eleven under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting of July 1, 2011

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Regular Meeting of July 5, 2011

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of July 5, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Special Meeting of July 7, 2011

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: 2011 Street Improvement Project

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Bacco Construction Company \$274,496.50

Referred to Infrastructure Committee

New Business

Bacco Construction Contract Extension Re: MEDC ICE Project

Stanchina stated that Bacco Construction Company has requested a five day contract extension for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) project due to rain and unexpected project delays. He clarified that the proposed contract extension would not interfere with the first day of school.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a five day contract extension for the Bacco Construction Company on the MEDC ICE project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of 2011 - 2012 Fee Schedule

Stanchina detailed the proposed changes for the 2011-2012 Fee Schedule. Alessandrini noted that the situations in which an excavation permit is required could be better explained in the proposed fee schedule. Stanchina conveyed that the City has not collected lawn mowing fees in the past.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Corombos to approve the proposed 2011-2012 Fee Schedule.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request for Additional Bike Path Signage

Stanchina relayed that the Bike Path Committee has requested permission to install additional signage on Milwaukee Avenue from Main Street to the City Limits and Industrial Drive from Milwaukee Street to US 2 toward Lake Antoine. He conveyed the possibility that the line striping on Milwaukee Avenue could be redone with the Bike Path Committee's grant funds. Bob Werner, Bike Path Committee Member, stated that the proposed limestone trail from the intersection of Harding and South Park Avenue toward the entrance of City Park would increase safety for both pedestrians and bicyclist. He noted that there would be no cost to the City for the installation of the limestone path. Werner detailed the proposed plan for the installation of the limestone trail. He confirmed that the limestone trail would be durable and low maintenance.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Bike Committee's request as stated in their July 12, 2011, letter.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption Re: Applicant #5, 415 Vulcan St.

Stanchina conveyed that the original application for this exemption was approved by the City Council on January 4, 2010. He stated that the application was rejected by the state since Habitat for Humanity's name was on the application instead of the homeowners. Stanchina confirmed that the exemption can be approved for a period of six to fifteen years.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption for 415 Vulcan Street for a period of 15 years.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Tower Land Lease Agreement Re: Northside TV Corp.

Stanchina detailed the proposed lease agreement.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to approve the proposed Tower Land Lease Agreement with Northside TV Corp.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association

Stanchina said that the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association (UPTRA) have requested an annual dues payment of \$300. He recommended that the annual dues of \$300 be paid. Rosen expressed the idea that the upcoming City Park improvements and the new glider exhibit at the museum could gain some press through this organization.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Villa to approve the annual dues to UPTRA in the amount of \$300.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: CUPPAD

Stanchina noted that the number of complementary hours of assistance that the City receives from this organization, as a dues paying member, has decreased over time and that the City does not routinely utilize CUPPAD's services. He conveyed that the City has been a long standing member of this organization and receives a 25% discount on CUPPAD services. Rosen, Alessandrini and Jacobetti voiced their reluctance toward approving the proposed dues payment in the amount of \$1,631.

No Action Taken

Consideration of Street Light Request

Stanchina stated that Brenda Burkette, owner of Rusty Rail Woodworking, has requested the installation of a street light near her property at 399 Hamilton Road. He expressed the opinion that it would not be ideal to install an additional street light given the City's current financial condition. Stanchina confirmed that not granting this request would be consistent with the City's current street light practices.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to deny the proposed street light request.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Ordinance Amendment Re: Chapter 70 Article III Trees

Rosen referred the proposed tree ordinance to the Infrastructure Committee

Appointment to the Tree Board

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to appoint Kathleen Anderson to an additional term on the Tree Board to end on November 16, 2013.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Resolution for City Park Fundraiser

Stanchina communicated that the purpose of the proposed resolution is to state the intent of and establishment a bank account for the upcoming City Park fundraiser. Rosen read the proposed resolution into the record. Stanchina detailed the manner in which the funds from the City Park fundraiser will be processed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed resolution for the City Park fundraiser.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Claims and Payroll

Stanchina noted the differences between the way the old and new software creates the Claims and Payroll reports.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the Claims in the amount of \$955,967.04 and the Payroll in the amount of \$295,211.13.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina stated that the accounting software has been converted to BS&A and that water billing will be converting to the new system tomorrow. He voiced his support toward the implementation of the new software.

Stanchina informed the City Council of the possible termination of flight services to the Ford Airport by Delta Airlines.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola thanked the City Council for approving an increase in his wage rate.

Committee Reports

Villa updated the City Council on the status of the City Park Fundraiser.

Stanchina confirmed that a collective bargaining meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon. He relayed that the Infrastructure Committee has to meet to discuss line striping.

Public Comment

Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley Street

She stated that the first Third Tuesday event will take place at the downtown performance stage tomorrow. Kramer conveyed the details. She suggested that the upcoming City Park fundraiser be placed on several websites.

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini

Stanchina confirmed that long grass issues are being addressed, as aggressively as possible, throughout the City. Alessandrini voiced his disapproval of the level of cleanliness of certain City facilities.

Moraska

He conveyed the opinion that community organizations should be assisting with the fundraising efforts for City Park.

Corombos and Rosen spoke on the successful grand opening of the recent WWII glider exhibit.

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Executive Session Re: Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into executive session at 7:49 pm.

Rosen Aye

Corombos Aye

Farragh Aye

Jacobetti Aye

Moraska Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Villa Aye

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

Executive Session Adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer