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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Approval of BS&A Software Invoice" be added as number five under New Business and that "Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy" be added after Council Member Privilege.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of July 18, 2011

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of July 18, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley Street

She congratulated the City on a successful fundraiser at City Park. Kramer noted that the sidewalk in front of the Braumart has been left in poor condition due to the adjoining bars patrons.

Rob Langsford - 615 Wells

He expressed his desire to create a "Veterans Memorial Bridge".

Public Hearing

Hamilton Street & the alley encompassed in Block 2 of the Village of Lake Antoine Plat

Stanchina clarified the location of the proposed vacation.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

There were no comments

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Approval of Alley and Street Vacation Re: Hamilton Street & the alley encompassed in Block 2 of the Village of Lake Antoine Plat.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to vacate Hamilton Street, between the North R-O-W of Bluff Street and the South R-O-W of County Road #396, and the alley encompassed in Block 2 of the Village of Lake Antoine.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of the 2011 Street Improvements Project Bid

Stanchina relayed that spot repairs to the sanitary sewer and the repaving of Forest Street between West B and West C Street have been removed from the proposed 2011 Street Improvement Projects Bid, reducing the original bid by about \$65,000.

He noted that Smith Street would only need to be paved, not crushed and shaped, and that it would only need to be twenty feet wide, not thirty. Stanchina relayed that concrete curb is optimal for the proposed Bay Shore Project. He conveyed that

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an additional block of Forest would be able to be paved given the other project reductions, paving Forest from Brown to West A Street. Stanchina stated that the total cost for the proposed improvements would be approximately \$180,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the 2011 Street Improvements Bid with the exception of items number 2,3,4,5 & 12 on the bid form.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Resolution Re: Support for “Veterans Memorial Bridge”

Stanchina conveyed that the City’s support has been requested in the naming of the new bridge connecting Michigan to Wisconsin, just before Niagara, WI. He noted that the request is to name the bridge the “Veterans Memorial Bridge”. Villa clarified that the bridge does not currently have a name.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Corombos to approve a resolution of support for the proposed naming of the new bridge connecting Michigan and Wisconsin.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Relocate the Water Telemetry Radio Antenna Located on the North Side TV Tower

Stanchina stated that the water telemetry radio antenna must be relocated as Northside Cable has requested the City to remove it and that other wireless internet towers have been causing interference. He expressed the opinion that it would be optimal for the City to have full autonomy over the water telemetry equipment. Stanchina relayed that the cost to relocate the telemetry equipment would be \$6,200.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to pay P.J. Kortens and Company, Inc. \$6,200 to relocate the City’s radio telemetry equipment from the Northside Cable tower to a new tower on Millie Hill.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Renewal of Liability Insurance Coverage Re: Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority

Stanchina noted that the renewal rate for the City’s liability insurance is \$90,478. He informed the City Council that the City last year received a \$21,799 Net Asset Distribution. Stanchina stated that the new deductible amount is \$1,000. He noted that the City will receive a significantly lower premium when the City’s self retention funds reach \$75,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to renew the City’s liability coverage with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for \$90,478.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Kingsford High School Cross County Meet Re: City Park Trails

Stanchina communicated that the Kingsford High School is requesting the use of the City Park’s trails for a cross country meet on September 13, 2011 from 1:30 to 7:00 pm. Corombos suggested that the high school provide liability coverage for the day of the event.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the Kingsford High School Athletic Department to use the City Park trails on September 13, 2011, pending verification of liability coverage.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of BS&A Software Invoice

Stanchina relayed that the water department’s recently updated software was originally going to be funded by TIFA, but must now be funded by the water fund as TIFA funds have become unavailable. He detailed the reasons that the TIFA funds have become unavailable.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the BS&A Software Invoice in the amount of \$8,055 to be paid from the Water Fund.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina updated the City Council on the current water contamination issues. Alessandrini suggested that it may be ideal to bypass one of the storage tanks and see if the test results improve.

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Stanchina stated that the swinging metal horses have been removed from all the City's parks as they have been deemed dangerous. He noted that they will be replaced with a different type of swing.

Stanchina communicated that line striping is needed on certain streets throughout the city. He relayed that a list of the areas requiring line striping is being developed.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Infrastructure Committee

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the ADA upgrades.

Parks & Recreation

Villa thanked the committee and volunteers for a successful City Park fundraiser.

Access Management

Jacobetti communicated that Bay College is considering turning their west driveway into an exit only and that the stop bars by the H Street cross walk must be modified.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Moraska

He relayed that the shelter on Carpenter has folded.

Villa

Stanchina stated that problem lawns will begin being cut next week.

Rosen

He expressed his appreciation for all the efforts that went into the City Park fundraiser.

Executive Session

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into executive session at 7:18 pm.

Rosen Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Corombos Aye

Farragh Aye

Moraska Aye

Jacobetti Aye

Villa Aye

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

Executive Session ended at 7:41 pm.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer