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

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Moraska, Jacobetti, Corombos & Farragh

Absent: Council Members Alessandrini & Villa

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Jacobetti to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Villa entered at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of August 15, 2011

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Special Meeting of August 22, 2011

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Introduce and Establish a Public Hearing Re: Amendment to Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells in the Code of Ordinances

Stanchina relayed that a request to install a well within the City limits has been made, given the hardship of connecting to City water. He noted that a moratorium was passed in 1998, but an ordinance was never established. Stanchina communicated that an ordinance banning wells within the City would help to reduce cross contamination and ensure that the water system bonds can be repaid. He stated that a hardship exception or unique circumstance could be permitted with City Council approval. Moraska voiced his objection toward banning the installation of wells for outdoor uses.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to authorize a public hearing on September 19, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. for the amendment of Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells in the Code of Ordinances.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Postage Machine Agreement Re: Pitney Bowes

Stanchina conveyed that the current postage machine is obsolete. He noted that the cost of a new postage machine from both Hasler and Pitney Bowes has been researched and that Pitney Bowes offers the lowest cost. Stanchina relayed that the new lease price will save the City \$75.00 per month.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Jacobetti to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Pitney Bowes for a DM 400 postage machine with a five pound scale at a cost of \$126/month.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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DDA/Main Street Request for Parking Lot and Street Closure Re: Harvest on Hughitt/Oktobefest

Stanchina stated that the DDA/Main Street program is requesting the closure of the parking lot in front of the Downtown Performance Stage from 7:00 a.m. on September 30, 2011, until 8 a.m. on October 3, 2011, for a Harvest on Hughitt/Oktobefest event. He also noted that the DDA/Main Street program is requesting to close Hughitt Street from Stephenson Avenue to Iron Mountain Street on October 1, 2011.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the requested parking lot and street closures for the Harvest on Hughitt/Oktobefest event as requested by the DDA.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Michigan Liquor Control Commission Permit Application Re: Harvest on Hughitt/Oktobefest

Stanchina requested the approval of a liquor license for the Harvest on Hughitt/Oktobefest event on behalf of the DDA/Main Street Program. He stated that there are plans to have a beer tent at the event.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Permit for Harvest on Hughitt/Oktobefest.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Change Order #6 for James Peterson and Sons Inc. Re: SRF East A Street Project

Stanchina communicated that the proposed change order would net out the actual quantities that were utilized on the East A Street project. He stated that the net effect would be a decrease of \$8,650.40, making the final contract price \$1,205,836.50. It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve Change Order #6 with an overall decrease of \$8,650.40.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request #8 for James Peterson and Sons Inc. Re: SRF East A Street Project

Stanchina noted that Pay Request #8 is for work related to the reconditioning of the boulevards bordering the East A Street project.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve Pay Request #8 in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment for 2012 International Plow Truck Re: Schultz Equipment & Parts Co. Inc.

Stanchina informed the City Council that the 2012 International Plow Truck that the City had ordered has been completed and that the dump box and underbody are currently delayed. He communicated that the delay is due to the fact that the City altered the material that the dump box and underbody is constructed from. Stanchina noted that Schultz Equipment & Parts will soon be incurring interest charges from their supplier due to the delay. He stated that the plow truck has been inspected by the City mechanic and that it meets all the bid specifications. Stanchina relayed that Schultz Equipment & Parts Co. would be agreeable to the City paying 85% of the trucks cost now and the final 15% when the truck is completed. He estimated that the dump box should be completed in a couple of weeks. Stanchina clarified that Schultz Equipment & Parts currently holds the title to the truck.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve a payment to Schultz Equipment & Parts Co. in the amount of \$92,565 upon receiving proof of insurance.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina announced that the City has received approval from the Department of Natural Resources to utilize crop damage permits. He stated that the permits will be available in January.

Stanchina reported that the Safe Routes to School Project is almost complete.

Stanchina declared that the paving projects for this season are almost completed.

City Attorney Reports

None

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Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Labor Relations Committee has been actively negotiating and that the Infrastructure Committee has been developing the proposed ordinance banning private wells in the City.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Villa conveyed that additional volunteers are needed for the City Park fundraising efforts.

Executive Session Re: Current Litigation & Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to move into executive session at 7:06 p.m.

Rosen Aye

Corombos Aye

Villa Aye

Farragh Aye

Jacobetti Aye

Moraska Aye

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

Executive Session adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to accept the case evaluation award for the case of Sandra Lowe vs. the City of Iron Mountain.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer