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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini noted that items one and two under New Business should be "Bid Opening" not "Authorization to Bid".

Corombos stated that the August Claims and Payroll should not be included on the agenda. Rosen announced that the City Park fundraising raffle drawing will take place after the City Council meeting.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of September 19, 2011

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of September 19, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Winter Sand

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	Sand	Roofing Granules
Midwest Gravel Inc.	\$5.75 /ton	not available
Spigarelli Excavating	\$5.30 /ton	not available
Morin Excavating	\$5.30 /ton	\$.75 /ton
A. Lindberg & son's Inc.	\$7.75 /ton	not available

Stanchina recommended purchasing winter sand with roofing granules from Morin Excavating at a total cost of \$6.05 per ton. He relayed that the roofing granules improve the sands effectiveness. Alessandrini suggested making the inclusion of roofing granules a part of the bid specifications. Stanchina confirmed that the City is purchasing 1,000 tons of sand.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to accept Morin Excavating's bid of \$6.05 per ton for winter sand with roofing granules.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: Well #3 Motor, Piping and Screen Cleaning

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	Kleimen Pump and Well Drilling Inc.	Layne Christensen Company
Motor and Pump Installed	\$5,601.54	\$10,082.00
6" Black T&C drop pipe	\$816.90	\$840.00
6" 80 DI Check Valve	\$1,571.28	\$750.00
4-3 w/grounded jacketed heavy duty cable	\$267.00	\$300.00
Redeveloping well w/rig high pressure water jetting	<u>\$3,070.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total	\$11,326.72	\$15,972.00

Stanchina recommended that Kleimen Pump and Well Drilling be awarded the proposed repairs to well #3 pending verification that the required specifications have been met. Mr. Harry Kleimen communicated the idea that it would be beneficial for the City to identify a secondary location for the City's wells.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to accept Kleimen Pump and Well Drilling's bid in the amount of \$11,326.72 pending verification that the required specifications have been met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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

Stanchina stated the opinion that the approval process for the proposed well moratorium should be continued and that adjustments in revenue should be considered during the annual budget process. Corombos requested additional water usage information.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Rosen to set a public hearing for the Amendment of Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells in the Code of Ordinances on November 7, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

New Business

Discussion of Millage Request Re: Dickinson County Road Commission

Jim Harris Sr., Superintendent of Operations and Vice Chairman, presented the Dickinson County Road Commission's request for the City to support the Road Commission in the presenting of a millage request to Dickinson County residents that would support the development of roads within Dickinson County. He noted that decreased funding and increased costs have caused the Road Commission's current financial situation. Mr. Lance Malburg, Road Commission Engineer, informed the City Council of the current status of transportation funding. He relayed that future road maintenance may suffer if additional funding is not secured. Harris confirmed that the Road Commission received approximately \$80,000 in stimulus funds. Mr. Ron Milbrath, Commissioner, stated that the Road Commission no longer receives funds from Dickinson County. He clarified that their primary funding comes from the gas tax. Rosen, Jacobetti, Corombos, Moraska and Farragh voiced their support of the electorate deciding whether or not to approve an additional millage for the Dickinson County Road Commission. The City Council concluded that it would be beneficial to review the proposed ballot question(s) before extending their formal support on this issue.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to table the Road Commission's request.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Deer Management Assistance Permit Fee Waiver

Stanchina requested that the \$15 Deer Management Assistance Permit fee be waived, as to increase interest in the culling of the deer herd. He conveyed that the season in which DMAP permits are permitted has already begun. Jacobetti voiced his support for the fee waiver. Stanchina informed the City Council that he would consult them if a private property owner(s) with less than ten acres requested the ability to hunt on their property. He confirmed that approximately seven residents have expressed an interest in participating in the Deer Management Program prior to advertising.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to waive the \$15 Deer Management Assistance Permit fee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Real Estate Purchase Request Re: Krist Oil Chapin Pit Location

Mike Dura, Krist Oil's architect, detailed the proposed plan to construct a new convenience store to replace the Citgo currently located at 205 North Stephenson Avenue. He noted that the proposed plan would increase safety due to an improved layout. Farragh stressed the importance of maintaining an easement through the property that Krist oil is proposing to purchase from the City.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to refer this request to staff.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

NOT APPROVED

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Approval of Payment Request #1 for 2011 Street Improvements Re: Bacco Construction

Stanchina informed the City Council that Bacco Construction had completed the contracted paving and recommended that \$193,733.02 of the contracted \$215,809.70 be paid to them for the work they have completed. He conveyed that the remaining value of the contract has yet to be settled.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve pay request #1 to Bacco Construction for street improvements.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina explained the approval process that the Master Plan must follow.

Stanchina announced that the City's dashboard, as required by the State, has been completed and is posted on the City website. He communicated that the dashboard's format and content can be changed in the future if the City desires.

Stanchina informed the City Council that a majority of the Major Roads in the City have been re-stripped.

Alessandrini requested an update on the moving of the City's water repeater from North Side Cable's tower.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola expressed the opinion that if an ordinance was passed banning private wells, existing wells or points would most likely be considered grandfathered out of fairness. Rosen & Stanchina conveyed that the intent of the proposed ordinance amendment is to prevent future private wells from being developed without City approval.

Pirkola confirmed that he has received a brief response to the letter he had sent to Mr. Rich Brook concerning the city wide reassessment.

Committee Reports

Villa announced that the spaghetti feed benefiting City Park went well and that the prizes for the City Park raffle will be drawn after the meeting.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer