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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Moraska, Jacobetti, Alessandrini & Farragh

Absent: Council Members Corombos & Villa

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

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining" be added to the agenda as item number ten, after "Council Member Privilege".

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of October 3, 2011

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Lease Agreement for Sewer Creek Right of Way Re: Erickson, Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

Stanchina relayed that the Erickson, Rochon & Nash Funeral Home is located on sewer creek right of way and that the property lease must be renewed. He stated that the City of Kingsford manages the leases and that the City of Iron Mountain receives half of the proceeds. Stanchina informed the City Council that the proposed lease would total \$1,410.47 annually and that the annual rate increase would equal the consumer price index.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Moraska to approve the lease agreement for 1000 Carpenter Avenue for Erickson, Rochon & Nash.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bacco Construction Change Order #3 Re: 2011 MEDC Water and Street Improvements

Stanchina conveyed that the 2011 Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) water and street improvements project was completed at a final contractor price of \$347,977. He noted that the project's final cost was \$5,138 under the original award. He requested that a cost reducing change order in the amount of \$8,023 be approved due to a favorable inventory close out.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve change order number three as proposed.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bacco Construction Payment Application #3 Re: 2011 MEDC Water and Street Improvements

Stanchina communicated that the 2011 MEDC water and street improvement projects have been completed. He requested that a final payment in the amount of \$48,579.75 be made to Bacco Construction.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve payment number three to Bacco Construction for \$48,579.75.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Coleman Engineering Invoices Re: 2011 MEDC Water and Street Improvements

Stanchina explained the complications that were encountered during the installation of new sections of water main within the 2011 MEDC project. He noted that the required adjustments added approximately one and a half weeks of construction engineering costs to the project. Stanchina stated that an additional \$8,159.50 of cost was incurred due to the additional construction engineering. He relayed that the Water Capital Improvement fund has the funds available to cover the remaining costs.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the payment of \$8,159.50 to Coleman Engineering for construction engineering services.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Haz-Mat Assistance Policy Update Re: Veolia Environmental

Stanchina detailed the services that Veolia Environmental offers the City and requested that their updated price list be approved. He clarified that the City does not incur any costs unless Veolia's services are utilized.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed pricing update.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

2011 Economic Development Contribution Re: Dickinson County Partnership

Stanchina informed the City Council that the Dickinson County Partnership's minimum cost for a membership is \$5,000. He reminded the City Council that a contribution of \$3,000 was agreed upon during the budgeting process. Farragh, Rosen and Moraska expressed their reluctance toward contributing more than the budgeted amount to the Dickinson County Partnership. Stanchina relayed that Mr. Orttenburger will be available for the next City Council meeting.

It was moved by Moraska to deny the payment of the Dickinson County Partnership's membership dues.

Motion Failed Due to Lack of Support

Jacobetti voiced the opinion that the Dickinson County Partnership has a valuable mission and that the City should continue contributing the required membership dues. Stanchina and Rosen communicated the opinion that it would not be prudent to continue contributing at the previous level given the City's current budget and recent employee concessions.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to table the payment of the Dickinson County Partnership dues until the next City Council meeting.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Dickinson County Road Commission Payment Request Re: Lake Antoine Bike Path

Stanchina conveyed that the final cost of the bike path was \$30,170.29 with \$17,748.57 being paid by TIFA and \$12,421.72 be paid by the City's Capital Improvement fund. He informed the City Council that while only \$10,000 of the City's \$12,421.72 was budgeted, the \$2,421.72 difference would be compensated for by the fact that TIFA is paying for most of the Hamilton Shaft project. Rosen voiced the opinion that the City should not be funding discretionary expenditures, while essential City services are not being adequately funded. Alessandrini communicated that it was best to complete the project, as the City had already invested funds into the project. Jacobetti expressed the opinion that the new bike path will aid in economic development and increase safety.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the payment of \$30,170.29 to the Dickinson County Road Commission and request TIFA to reimburse the City \$17,748.57.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Re: Northern Star Industries Inc.

Stanchina detailed Northern Star Industries application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption. He relayed that Northern Star Industries already receives a 100% percent exemption on personal property taxes. Stanchina alluded to the possibility that part of the abated tax revenue could be used as the City's portion of a grant to repair the Lake Antoine Road. He confirmed that this is Northern Star's first request for the abatement of real property taxes. Rosen expressed his support for the proposed tax abatement.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to refer this issue to the Finance Committee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

Moraska noted that September's overtime was abnormally high. Stanchina stated that the Police Department's overtime was due primary to extensive usage of sick leave.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the claims in the amount of \$711,604.13 and the payroll in the amount of \$330,672.33.

City Manager Reports

Stanchina updated the City Council on the progress that has been made in moving the City's water repeater from North Side Cable's tower.

Stanchina noted that the City would not receive 100% of the funds derived from a Dickinson County Road Commission millage without a tax share agreement.

Stanchina confirmed that the Hamilton Shaft Pump House project will be completed before winter.

Stanchina stated that hydrant flushing has been completed.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina updated the City Council on the results of the Deer Management program.

Rosen noted that the Caring House is holding their Annual Celebrity Waiter's Spaghetti Dinner on October 25, 2011.

Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to move into executive session at 7:12 p.m.

Rosen Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Jacobetti Aye
Moraska Aye
Farragh Aye

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

Executive session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer