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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of October 17, 2011, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Mary Ann Body - 4684 Tall Pines Road, Spread Eagle, WI

She stated that she is the principal of the Iron Mountain's middle school and high school. Body voiced her concern for the increased usage of synthetic Marihuana and cannabinoids, commonly referred to as Spice. She expressed her desire to increase the awareness of these substances side effects.

Mike Carrey - 1203 Pine Ct.

He relayed the magnitude of the drug problem within the Iron Mountain School System.

Dave Irwin - 521 Section Street, Norway, MI

He, as acting School Liaison Officer, confirmed the increase of Spice usage within the Iron Mountain School System. He noted that on several occasions students who used spice required medical attention.

Corombos suggested that the school start a grass roots movement to ban Spice. Stanchina informed the City Council and Attendees that only one molecule has to change in order for the substance to no longer be prohibited by law. The City Council supported the drafting of a letter to the legislature, governor and the attorney generals office requesting that the most current version of spice be banned.

Kurt Rosenthal - W8843 Lakeview Dr.

He noted that other communities have created ordinances to control spice consumption. Stanchina recommended that the issue be reviewed by the City Attorney. Rosenthal confirmed that no efforts have been made to include other communities in the banning of spice. He relayed that the local proprietors who sell Spice have been informed of its negative effects on youth.

Body stated that only three parents attended a presentation hosted by the Iron Mountain Schools pertaining to youth drug usage. Rosen voiced his support for an expedient solution to this situation.

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Public Hearing

Amendment to the Code of Ordinance Re: Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells

Stanchina explained that private wells would be banned within the City limits, unless approved due to hardship, in an attempt to protect the City's water supply and ensure the repayment of the water system's general obligation bonds.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

There were no comments

Rosen closed the public hearing.

No Action Taken

Old Business

Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells

Rosen clarified that the proposed ordinance would better protect the City's water supply. Stanchina stated that the private wells currently located within the City limits are not able to connect to the City's water system. Moraska expressed the opinion that private wells should be permitted within City limits.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to adopt the amendment to the Code of Ordinances for Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells.

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

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

2011 Economic Development Contribution Re: Dickinson County Partnership

Stanchina relayed that the City typically paid \$6,000 for an annual membership, but budgeted \$3,000 for an annual membership this coming year. He conveyed that the minimum annual membership is \$5,000. Rosen noted that due to the current budget situation reductions have had to take place, including considerable reductions in employee compensation. He conveyed that the reduced budgetary allotment is not a reflection of the partnerships performance as much as it is a reflection of the City's finances. Bruce Orttenger, Executive Director of Dickinson Area Partnership, outlined the benefits of being a Partnership member. Rosen reiterated the City Council's support of the partnership's efforts and the poor condition of the City's budget. Jacobetti expressed the opinion that the partnership should receive their \$6,000 contribution and that the unbudgeted balance should be taken from a different contribution. He voiced his support for their contribution toward local economic development. Orttenger confirmed that the Dickinson County Partnership's board sets the membership fees. He agreed to present a letter from the City requesting a change in membership fee to his board. Moraska & Corombos supported Rosen's previous position on the Dickinson County Partnership's contribution. Orttenger detailed the benefits of economic development. Alessandrini agreed with Jacobetti's previously stated opinion. Corombos suggested that the in-kind contribution of snow removal be factored into the City's membership fee. Farragh requested that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Referred to Finance Committee

New Business

Discussion of Ballot Question and Tax Allocation Agreement Re: Dickinson County Road Commission

Stanchina presented the Road Commission's request to propose a ballot question for additional road funding. He informed the City Council that a tax share agreement must be in place in order for the City to receive all its deserved revenue, in the event the ballot question prevails. Rosen supported the resident's ability to decide the ballot question. Lance Malburg, Road Commission Engineer, stated that the proposed agreement has been reviewed by each affected municipality's attorney, as well as the road commission's legal representative. Stanchina clarified that the proposed ballot question would be placed on the February 28, 2011 ballot in order to save on election costs.

No Action Taken

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Authorization to Close City Hall Re: The Day after Thanksgiving

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to close City Hall the Day after Thanksgiving.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Request Proposals Re: 2012 Small Urban Program

Stanchina detailed the proposed 2012 Small Urban Program Request for Proposal (RFP). Jacobetti requested that the proposed RFP be tabled until it can be reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee. He outlined his objections to the City's current method of bidding paving projects.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the release of an RFP for the 2012 Small Urban Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution per Chapter 70, Vegetation Re: 1005 E Margaret St.

Stanchina presented the proposed special assessment resolution pertaining to the violation of Chapter 70 of the City Code of Ordinances, Vegetation. He explained the process that a special assessment follows. Stanchina conveyed that Rodger Reed of 1005 E Margaret Street owes \$256.37 due to the violation of Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed special assessment resolution.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution per Chapter 70, Vegetation Re: 701 Houghteling St.

Stanchina communicated that the Veterans Administration of 701 Houghteling Street owes \$88.83 due to the violation of Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the proposed special assessment resolution.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution per Chapter 70, Vegetation Re: 401 Carpenter Ave.

Stanchina noted that the Oracle Development Corp. of 401 Carpenter Ave. owes \$76.13 due to the violation of Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed special assessment resolution.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution per Chapter 70, Vegetation Re: 410 Vulcan St.

Stanchina communicated that Fannie Mae of 410 Vulcan St. owes \$63.46 due to the violation of Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the proposed special assessment resolution.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: Office of Veteran Affairs Share Your Christmas

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen to approve a \$300 donation to the Share Your Christmas campaign.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Millie Hill Tower Lease Agreement Re: Withers Broadcasting

Stanchina communicated that the Withers tower lease has not been formally approved.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the mayor to sign the Withers tower lease agreement.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Street Closure Re: Downtown Christmas Walk

Stanchina presented the Main Street Program's request to close East Hughitt Street from Stephenson Avenue to Iron Mountain Street, Iron Mountain Street from East Hughitt Street to East A Street and East A Street from Iron Mountain Street to Stephenson Avenue on December 1, 2011, from 4 pm to 8 pm.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to approve the proposed street closures.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Millie Mine Bat Viewing Trial Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant

Stanchina explained that a time extension needs to be approved due to additional improvements the City made to the trail.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to approve the proposed time extension.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Dr. Virginia Feleppa

Stanchina recommended the renewal of Dr. Virginia Feleppa for an additional three year term on the Tree Board, expiring on November 16, 2014.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to appoint Dr. Virginia Feleppa to an additional three year term on the Tree Board, expiring on November 16, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Mrs. Sally Jacobs

Stanchina recommended the renewal of Mrs. Sally Jacobs for an additional three year term on the Tree Board, expiring on November 16, 2014.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to appoint Mrs. Sally Jacobs to an additional three year term on the Tree Board, expiring on November 16, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Revenue and Expenditure Report Re: 1st Quarter of F.Y. 2012

Stanchina opened the floor for any questions pertaining to the 1st Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Report.

No Action Taken

City Manager Reports

Stanchina noted that a close out hearing for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant will take place at the November, 21, 2011 meeting.

Stanchina detailed his meeting with Systems Control concerning a tax abatement on their recent expansion.

Stanchina informed the City Council that the City of Iron Mountain has culled 30 deer and the City of Kingsford 50 in the most recent bow hunt.

Stanchina announced that the pole for the City's water repeater will be placed on November 10, 2011, allowing the Northside Cable lease to be completed.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Collective Bargaining Committee has been meeting with the Fire Department.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina communicated that the Hamilton Shaft project will begin next week.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer