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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 5, 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

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of November 21, 2011

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Industrial Facilities Exemption Re: Systems Control

Stanchina relayed that Systems Control has started a 130,000 square foot business addition, costing approximately \$10,600,000.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

There were no comments

Rosen closed the public hearing.

No Action Taken

Old Business

Consideration of Industrial Facilities Exemption Re: Systems Control

Stanchina clarified that the proposed tax abatement would be for real property only. Rosen, Jacobetti, Corombos and Alessandrini voiced their support for the proposed Systems Control tax abatement. Dave Brule, Systems Control representative, conveyed that Systems Control added approximately 225 jobs since 2007 and that they plan to add an additional 500 to 600 over the next several years.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption for Systems Control for a period of 12 years.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Ordinance Re: Herbal Incense / Potpourri

Pirkola noted that the City can utilize zoning to control where Herbal Incense and Potpourri can be sold. Alessandrini conveyed that the proposed moratorium does not prohibit the establishment of a smoke shop near a school. Stanchina clarified that the proposed moratorium would not allow the sale of the intoxicating substance from any type of business within the City. Rosen stated the opinion that the State of Michigan will deal with the issue of Herbal Incense/Potpourri quickly. Alessandrini expressed his concern for the speed at which the State will deal with this issue. Pirkola explained the

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manner in which the ordinance is enforceable. Jacobetti thanked the citizenry for their efforts toward the resolution of this issue.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the resolution establishing a moratorium regarding the establishment or businesses engaged in the dispensation or distribution of certain intoxicating chemical substances.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Updated Drug Enforcement Agreement Re: K.I.N.D.

Stanchina conveyed that the existing K.I.N.D. agreement must be updated to reflect the City's updated population, as the required contribution is \$.75 per capita.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the updated K.I.N.D. agreement.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina detailed the requested General Fund reserves in the amount of \$113,287.15. He stated that the unrestricted fund balance after the requested reserves would be \$1,559,843.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the requested General Fund reserves in the amount of \$113,287.15.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Additional Deer Management Hunt Property Re: Undeveloped Cemetery Land

Stanchina updated the City Council on the current deer management program. He suggested that 40 acres of the City's undeveloped cemetery property be utilized for the deer management program.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to support the addition of 40 acres of undeveloped cemetery property to the deer management program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Tax Foreclosed Property

Stanchina detailed the tax foreclosure properties that the City will receive title to if no objection is filed. It was concluded by the City Council that the City Manager will research whether or not the small sections of land that have been foreclosed can be included with the larger parcels they adjoin.

No Action Taken

Discussion of City Owned Property Sale Re: Citgo

Stanchina stated that Citgo is requesting to purchase City property adjacent to their down town station, located at 205 N. Stephenson Avenue. He presented Citgo's proposed site plan. Stanchina explained the process that must take place for the requested property to be sold. Farragh, Moraska, Corombos and Jacobetti expressed concern for selling property for which the City would require an easement. Rosen voiced his support for the selling of the proposed property, as long as the City receives an easement.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to proceed with the potential sale of the City property adjacent to 205 N. Stephenson Avenue.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Anti-Discrimination Resolution Re: CDBG MEDC Funds

Stanchina relayed that the City must approve the presented anti-discrimination resolution in order to complete the necessary Community Development Block Grant paperwork.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to approve the presented anti-discrimination resolution.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

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City Manager Reports

Stanchina conveyed that the Planning Board and City Council need to meet to review the City's Master Plan.

Stanchina stated that the new plow truck should arrive tomorrow.

Stanchina relayed that city wide water chlorination should be ending this week. He explained that a lack of water turnover during the warm months could be the cause of the poor test results.

Stanchina noted that the updated tree ordinance needs to be reviewed.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Collective Bargaining Committee has been meeting.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Corombos suggested that Citgo be offered the option to rent the adjacent City property.

Farragh conveyed that certain pieces of play ground equipment will have to be removed from the City's parks as it has been deemed unsafe by the City's insurance carrier. Stanchina noted that the East Side Park will be updated by the Rotary Club this summer.

Executive Session

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into executive session at 7:34 p.m.

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

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


Executive Session Ended at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer