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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Moraska requested that "2012 Economic Development Contribution Re: Dickinson County Partnership" be number six under New Business. Farragh suggested that "Discussion of Oxygen Bottle Filling" be number seven under New Business. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of February 6, 2012

Moraska noted that the minutes currently show Alessandrini as both the first and second on the motion to approve the contribution to the Northwoods Garden Club.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2012, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Purchase of Squad Car via Rural Development

Stanchina stated that the City of Iron Mountain has applied for a USDA Rural Development grant to replace a squad car. He relayed that they will reimburse 20% of the squad car's cost. Stanchina conveyed that the City will be purchasing a 2012 Dodge Charger, as the Ford Crown Victoria has been discontinued.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

There were no comments

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2012 Dodge Charger Police Package

Stanchina communicated that the solicited automobile would include a V6 engine due to adequate horse power, improved fuel economy and an excellent maintenance record. He recommended the utilization of the MI Deal program as it has been competitively bid by the State of Michigan and would offer an optimal price on the new squad car. Stanchina explained the process of bidding out the squad car while utilizing the USDA grant and the MI Deal program. Jacobetti stressed the importance of allowing local businesses to bid the new squad car.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the City Manger and Police Chief to purchase a 2012 Dodge Charger Police Package from Bill Snethkamp, per the MI Deal program, pending approval of the bid specifications.

Motion Prevailed (Aye- 6 (Moraska, Corombos, Rosen, Alessandrini, Villa & Farragh), Nay- 1 (Jacobetti))

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Approval of Mid-year Budget Amendment

Stanchina and Bartolameo detailed the Mid-year Budget Amendment.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to approve the Mid-year Budget Amendment, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Miller Canfield Waiver of Conflict Re: American Transmission Company

Stanchina conveyed that the American Transmission Company is considering the construction of an Upper Peninsula facility, possibly in Iron Mountain, and they would like to utilize Miller Canfield's services. He communicated that the City Attorney had reviewed the agreement and that he did not see an issue with approving it.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed Waiver of Conflict with the American Transmission Company.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Taxi Cab License Re: Tri-City Cab and City Cab

Stanchina recommended that Tri-City Cab's taxi cab license be renewed and that City Cab's taxi cab license be approved.

Alessandrini suggested that the City ordinance require a background check of all eligible drivers.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the taxi cab license requests for Tri-City Cab and City Cab, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit 2 Year Audit Proposals

Stanchina relayed that the current auditor's agreement has expired and that the City is required to solicit bids for auditing services.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to authorize the solicitation of 2 year audit proposals.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

2012 Economic Development Contribution Re: Dickinson County Partnership

Corombos outlined the current status of the City's annual contribution to the Dickinson County Partnership. Farragh noted that the City maintains the grounds at the Dickinson County Partnership free of charge. Alessandrini urged that a special meeting be set between the City's Finance Committee and the Dickinson County Partnership's Executive Committee to discuss the usage of in-kind labor toward the City's annual contribution. Alessandrini voiced his support for maintaining a membership in the Dickinson Area Partnership. Rosen suggested that the City Council commit to make a final decision on this issue at the next meeting.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to not renew the City of Iron Mountain's membership in the Dickinson Area Partnership.

Motion Withdrawn

It was moved by Alessandrini to contribute \$3,000 to the Dickinson County Partnership.

Motion Failed Due to Lack of Support

Discussion of Oxygen Bottle Filling

Stanchina explained that several volunteer fire fighting units have expressed an interest in the City filling oxygen tanks. He noted that the goal would be to assist the fire fighting units, not take business from the private sector.

No Action Taken

Reports

Financial Reports

January Claims and Payroll

Corombos reviewed several strategies that the Finance Committee considered to reduce the City's monthly operating expenses.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Vila to approve the Claims in the amount of \$870,925.94 and Payroll in the amount of \$266,859.07.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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City Manager Reports

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported Farragh that a letter be sent to the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church thanking them for allowing the City to use their facilities for elections.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Farragh requested that Stanchina send a letter recommending that the Iron Mountain Schools continue to fund a School Liaison Officer.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina confirmed that Breitung Township is considering the rezoning of a section of the 425 area from commercial to residential.

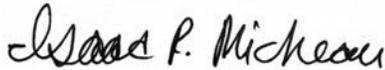
Alessandrini informed the City Council that a resident may be donating a couple of acres of land to the cemetery for the purposes of future development. He proposed several ideas on how to develop the donated land.

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