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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Rosen noted that item number three under New Business, "Request of Parking Lot Closure Re: Downtown Stage Parking Lot", be moved to item number one under New Business, adjusting the remaining agenda items accordingly. He relayed that "Discussion of Real Estate Policy Amendment" should be added as number five under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2012, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Award of Audit Proposal Re: City Financial Audit

Stanchina detailed the audit proposals that had been submitted for consideration. He conveyed that Gambridge and Company had been found to meet the required standards and recommended that they be selected to perform the City's annual financial audits for the next two years.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to award the City Financial Audit to Gambridge and Company at a cost of \$12,740 for the first year and \$13,100 for the second.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Award of Consultant Proposal Re: Pine, Houghteling, Tamarack and Kent St. Utility Upgrade

Stanchina detailed the consultant proposals that had been submitted for consideration. He relayed that Coleman Engineering should be chosen, as they were the second highest bidder and exhibited greater qualifications than the lowest bidder.

Stanchina stressed that the awarding of this project is based on both qualifications and cost.

Jacobetti expressed the opinion that Coleman Engineering should be awarded the consulting proposal based on the lowest bidder's lack of staffing and an insufficient quality assurance program. Stanchina clarified the difference between a proposal and a bid. He explained that a proposal has the potential to experience a cost overage, while a bid would be a not to exceed amount. Rosen communicated his position that the lowest bidder must be chosen, given that the necessary requirements have been met. He voiced his support for awarding Mountain Engineering the proposed consulting proposal. Jacobetti reiterated his concern for the level of Mountain Engineering's quality assurance program and the possible costs that the City may have to pay in the future if the proper testing procedures are not performed. Rosen restated his support of Mountain Engineering's qualifications and the need for the City to be fiscally cautious at this time. Alessandrini expressed his disapproval for the manner in which the City Council tends to question the Infrastructure Committee's recommendations; given the time and effort they spend formulating them. Stanchina clarified what was meant by relevant work experience. He proceeded to analyze Mountain Engineering's experience. Rosen reiterated his commitment to selecting the lowest bidder, given that the minimum requirements had been met.

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Mountain Engineering and Coleman Engineering confirmed that testing is performed without additional costs. Mountain Engineering's representative clarified their qualifications to complete the project. Jacobetti communicated his support for Mountain Engineering's design capability, but not for their complete project management. The City Council discussed the merits of the request for proposal.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to accept Coleman Engineering's consulting proposal at a cost of \$24,735.

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

Motion Failed (Aye - 3, Nay - 4, Abstain - 0)

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Moraska to accept Mountain Engineering's consulting proposal at a cost of \$14,910.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye - 4, Nay - 3, Abstain - 0)

Alessandrini voiced his concern for the fact that the City Council has repeatedly not accepted the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to dissolve the Infrastructure Committee.

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

Motion Failed (Aye - 3, Nay - 4, Abstain - 0)

Alessandrini resigned from the Infrastructure Committee.

New Business

Request of Parking Lot Closure Re: Downtown Stage Parking Lot

Stanchina presented Bishop Baraga Catholic School's request to close the parking lot in front of the Downtown Performance Stage for a festival on June 9, 2012.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to close the parking lot in front of the Downtown Performance Stage on June 9, 2012, for Bishop Baraga Catholic School's Heritage Festival.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Increase Consumer Deposit: Water/Sewer Utility Billing

Stanchina outlined the intent of the Consumer Deposit. He requested that the Consumer Deposit be increased to \$100, from \$75, due to rate increases over the last ten years.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to approve a \$25 increase in the Consumer Deposit.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Appointment to the Planning Commission Re: Jonathan Ringel

Stanchina recommended that Jonathan Ringel be appointment to the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to appoint Jonathan Ringel to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on May 19, 2012.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Camp 911

Stanchina presented Camp 911's request to use the City Park Pavilion at no cost on June 13, 2012, and June 14, 2012.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to approve a no charge City Park Pavilion Rental for Camp 911 on June 13, 2012, and June 14, 2012.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Real Estate Policy Amendment

Pirkola reviewed the proposed amendment to the Real Estate Policy. He highlighted the fact that the City would increase its flexibility when divesting property. The City Council discussed the procedure that would take place when selling property for less than market value.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the proposed Real Estate Policy Amendment.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina announced that the annual rubbish drop off will begin on April 25, 2012. He updated the City Council on the upcoming City wide clean up plans.

Stanchina stated that the City will be placing no trespassing signs at the Chapin Pit in the near future.

Stanchina outlined the recent changes to fireworks regulations.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Corombos detailed the process that would be required for the City to refinance the water bonds. He estimated that the City would save approximately \$400,000 over the next 20 years.

Villa reported on the Mountain View Ice Arena Board meeting.

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard

She thanked the Infrastructure Committee for their efforts

Council Member Privilege

Farragh inquired on the status of hydrant flushing.

Moraska complimented the Iron Mountain School's basket ball team on a great season.

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Executive Session

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to move into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

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

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

Executive Session adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer