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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that "Consideration of Back Hoe Bids" and "Consideration of Lawn Mower Bids" be added as items number four and five under Old Business, respectively. He asked that "Purchase of Lawn Mower" be added as item number ten under New Business. Alessandrini suggested that "Discussion of Letter Re: Jeff Deridder" be added as item number eleven under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2012

Corombos noted that the minutes of June 4, 2012, appear to have an instance where the date is incorrectly stated.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2012, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 7, 2012

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the Minutes of June 7, 2012, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Adoption of an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Chapter 30, Article II - Noise

Rosen opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

Establish an Industrial Development District Re: Northern Star Industries Inc.

Stanchina explained that an Industrial Development District (IDD) must be re-established for the properties owned by Northern Star Industries due to a procedural error in the prior IDD's approval process.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

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Old Business

Adoption of an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Chapter 30, Article II - Noise

Stanchina stated that the proposed ordinance utilizes a reasonability standard, rather than a defined standard, and violators would be issued a civil infraction rather than a misdemeanor, making penalties more enforceable.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the amendment to Chapter 30, Article II - Noise.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish an Industrial Development District Re: Northern Star Industries Inc.

There were no comments.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Industrial Development District for Northern Star Industries, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Resolution of Appreciation Re: Mrs. Pat Nicometo and Home Depot

Rosen read the resolution for Home Depot into the record and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Chris Boser, Home Depot's store manager.

Rosen read the resolution for Pat Nicometo into the record. Stanchina comminuted Pat Nicometo's written response, due to her inability to attend the City Council Meeting.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Pat Nicometo and Home Depot.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Back Hoe Bids

Stanchina recommended that all the back hoe bids be rejected and that the purchase of a used back hoe be considered in the future. The Council discussed the difficulties in bidding used equipment under the current ordinance.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Jacobetti to reject all the back hoe bids.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Lawn Mower Bids

Stanchina recommended that all the lawn mower bids be rejected as they did not meet the required specifications.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Farragh to reject all the lawn mower bids.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Adoption of Fee Schedule

Stanchina reviewed and the City Council discussed the proposed fee schedule. Villa relayed that the cost of renting small out building at City Park was not included on the fee schedule.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Fee Schedule, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Year End Budget Amendment

Stanchina and Bartolameolli detailed the Year End Budget Amendment. It was concluded that the actual Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 figures will most likely conclude as projected.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Moraska to approve the Year End Budget Amendment.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2012 Paving

Stanchina stated that the following streets are slated to be paved in the 2012 paving schedule.

East F Street from Adams Street to Jackson Street

East F Street from Jackson Street to Van Buren Street

Jackson Street from East F Street to East G Street

East G Street from Jackson Street to Park Avenue

Brown Street from Spruce Street to Pine Street

Foster Street from West C Street to Ludington Street

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Pewabic Street from Fifth Street to Main Street
East Grant Street from Blaine Street to Bay Shore Drive
Forest Street from West B Street to West C Street

He estimated the total cost of construction to be approximately \$311,000.00. Stanchina confirmed that the paving is bid as one lot, minus the section of Forest Street that will be a complete reconstruction. Stanchina communicated the opinion that the crush and shape method of repaving is a better value than the milling method.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the bidding of the 2012 Paving Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request for Partial Parking Lot Closure Re: KHS Class Reunion 1972

Stanchina detailed the request to close a section of City parking lot adjacent to the rear entrance of Blackstone Pizza for the 1972 Kingsford High School Class Reunion.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to approve the requested parking lot closure for the 1972 Kingsford High School Class Reunion.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to approve the requested parking lot closure for the 1972 Kingsford High School Class Reunion, contingent on proof of liability insurance and no stakes being utilized in the City parking lot.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance Re: MMRMA

Stanchina noted that the City has experienced reduced premiums on property liability insurance through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). He stated that it would be optimal to enter into a two year agreement that would ensure that the annual insurance premium would not increase by more than 5% annually. He explained the grant program for safety equipment that MMRMA offers.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Moraska to renew the property and liability insurance through MMRMA for a two year contract.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Closure of City Park July 28th Re: City Park Fundraiser

Stanchina relayed that City Park should be closed on July 28, 2012, due to the annual City Park fundraiser. He conveyed that the proceeds of the event will go towards the City's match requirement for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant to improve City Park.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to close the Park on July 28, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m. for the annual City Park fundraiser.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Re: Dean Petschar

Stanchina reported that Dean Petschar's current term on the Zoning Board of Appeals has expired and that he wishes to remain on the Board.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to appoint Dean Petschar to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term to expire on June 20, 2013.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of FY13 Dues Re: Northern Michigan Public Service Academy (NMPSA)

Stanchina presented the request made by the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy (NMPSA) for the payment of dues in the amount of \$725 for Fiscal Year 2013.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a dues payment in the amount of \$725 to the NMPSA for Fiscal Year 2013.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of MDOT Contract Re: Small Urban Program

Stanchina outlined the upcoming Small Urban Program paving. He conveyed that the majority of the paving will take place on West B Street and that a couple of blocks will be paved on Park Avenue.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the 2012 Small Urban Paving Program, as outlined by MDOT contract number 12-5290, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the required documentation.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Purchase of Lawn Mower

Stanchina relayed that the City can purchase the 2012 Walker MDGHS for the Cemetery at a cost of \$13,396.40 after trade in. Pirkola confirmed that the City Council may authorize the City manager to purchase an item under \$20,000 using the purchasing policy.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to authorize the City Manager to purchase a 2012 Walker MDGHS lawn mower at a cost of \$13,396.40, without utilizing sealed bids, as the purchase is under \$20,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Letter Re: Jeff Deridder

Alessandrini expressed the opinion that a frontage road utilizing the section of Woodward Avenue adjacent to Eagle Tool, which is proposed for vacation, would not be feasible for development in the future. It was concluded that the correspondence by Jeff Deridder would be presented at the upcoming public hearing for the vacation of Woodward Avenue between Milwaukee Avenue and the Railroad tracks.

No Action Taken

Reports

Financial Reports

May Claims and Payroll

Corombos recommended the approval of the claims and payroll.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve the Claims in the amount of \$747,352.51 and Payroll in the amount of \$277,994.08.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina informed the City Council that a significant water leak had occurred in the cemetery.

Stanchina announced a plan to reduce the cost of the dedicated phone line at the City's Breitung Township pump house.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the Dickinson County Road Commission TIGER Grant.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Villa reported on the upcoming City Park fundraiser.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini commended the Iron Mountain Police Department on the manner in which they handled a recent car accident at the intersection of Park Avenue and US 2.

Moraska commended Michael Ceello of Mouw and Ceello P.C. and Aaron Harper of WJNR FM - 101.5 for their efforts toward the improvement of City Park.

Corombos noted the speed reductions that resulted when a drivers was visually reminded of the speed at which they were currently traveling.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer