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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members List, Moraska, Alessandrini, Revord, & Villa

Absent: None

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Rosen requested that "Approval of Tower Lease Amendment Re: SBA Towers" be amended to read "Discussion of Tower Lease Amendment Re: SBA Towers"

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2013*

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2013, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

*Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard*

She urged the City Council to appropriate funds to the Downtown Development Authority in an effort to retain Jonathan Ringel as Main Street Manager.

### **Special Presentation**

#### **Resolution of Recognition Re: Fire Chief Dan Johnson**

Rosen presented Johnson's retirement watch and resolution of recognition. The City Council voiced their appreciation for his years of service.

#### **Resolution of Recognition Re: Council Member Farragh**

Rosen read Farragh's resolution of recognition into the record. Rosen noted that Farragh resigned as he planned on wintering in Florida and would be frequently absent.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Approval of Special Use Permit Re: SBA Towers**

Stanchina offered the Planning Commission's recommendations concerning the placement of a second mono pole style tower on the current SBA tower site. Pirkola recommended the inclusion of a letter of understanding on the current lease in lieu of an additional lease when considering the installation of a second tower.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the special use permit for SBA Communications to install a self-supporting communication tower on the current parcel of leased City land contingent upon adherence to the approved site plan, an amended lease for the current location, the Planning Commission reserving the right to review removing the old (current) tower at the time the present tower's occupants' leases run out and/or if the tower is vacant of clients and a satisfactory negotiation of base rent for the new tower.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Discussion of Tower Lease Amendment Re: SBA Towers**

See "Approval of Special Use Permit Re: SBA Towers"

### **Approval of Payment Application #2 and #3 Re: Bacco Construction**

Stanchina detailed the payment requests made by Bacco Construction. He conveyed that an overage in the amount of \$9,002.23 occurred due to variations in street widths. Stanchina clarified that the contract includes a one year warranty against defective workmanship.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve Payment Application #2 and #3 to Bacco Construction in the amount of \$47,978.51.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Authorization to Request Proposals Re: 2014 Small Urban Program**

Stanchina imparted that it would be optimal to pave Margaret Street between the City limits and Grant Street and Park Avenue between A Street and D Street in lieu of the portion of Hydraulic Falls road between the railroad tracks and US 2 due to a potential commercial development that would affect the location of the Hydraulic Falls Road. The City Council discussed locations in need of repaving.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to authorize the solicitation of bids for the 2014 Small Urban Project.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Consideration of Tax-Foreclosed Property Title Transfer**

Stanchina relayed that approximately 187 square feet of property, located between 700 and 704 North Kimberly, has become available to the City through the tax foreclose process. Pirkola indicated that the City Council could suspend the Real Estate Policy for the dispensation of this property.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by List to not refuse the proposed tax foreclosed property from the state of Michigan.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

#### **November Claims and Payroll**

Moraska conveyed that total payroll has decreased from the same time one year ago. Stanchina communicated that the overtime expense in the Police Department is comparable to hiring additional officers.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$318,628.81 and Claims in the amount of \$586,972.07 with net claims being \$300,074.08.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Acting Fire Chief*

Stanchina reported that the acting Fire Chief has been approved due to Chief Johnson's retirement. He noted that the salary and benefit schedules need to be addressed. Stanchina requested that Charles Lauesdorf's conversion to a 40 hour per week pay rate be approved by the City Council.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve Charles Lauesdorf for a 40 hour per week wage in an annual amount of \$58,900.97.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### *Lake Antoine Road*

Stanchina imparted the current status of the Lake Antoine Road project.

#### *Veteran's Exemption for Property Taxes*

Stanchina reported that the City's operating income was reduced by \$14,233.83 due to the State of Michigan mandating that 100% Disabled Veterans be exempted from property taxes.

#### *YMCA*

Stanchina relayed that the YMCA has been developing expansion plans.

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*Hughitt Street Parking*

Stanchina indicated that Blackstone Pizza has agreed to a trail where their deliveries will be received at the rear loading dock. Moraska expressed his safety concerns due to angled parking.

*At-Large Council Vacancy*

Stanchina communicated that an advertisement for the vacant council position has been placed and that a special meeting will need to be held to appoint a new City Council Member.

Alessandrini confirmed that the dumping of leaves in City Park, along Park View Drive, has been addressed and he questioned the source of the information in the recent Daily News article regarding business growth in the Downtown Development District.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Moraska requested that he be removed as Planning Commission Liaison. Rosen appointed Revord as Planning Commission Liaison.


Moraska reminded the public to walk on the walking trails in City Park and not on the groomed cross country ski trails.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

  
Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer