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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Peterson, Corombos, Alessandrini & Villa

Absent: Council Member Farragh

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Mike Celello

Approval of Agenda

Peterson suggested that "Discussion of two hour parking signs" be added as item number seven of New Business.

Corombos requested that "Approval of a no charge City Park Pavilion Rental for the Great Start Program" be added as item 5B under New Business.

Rosen suggested that the approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting of 1/31/2011 be added as item number two under Approval of Minutes.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of February 21, 2011

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Special Meeting of January 31, 2011

Peterson requested that it be noted that Member Rosen was speaking of his business not being supported by the DDA and not a random business. Rosen stated that his statement can be reviewed in the recording of the City Council Meeting and that the minutes are meant to be a synopsis of the meeting. Peterson conveyed the opinion that it is important for a Council Member's point of view to be noted. Rosen clarified that his statement was intended to state the opinion that he would take exception to the DDA's treatment of its members, if all the members were treated as his business was in this incidence. Peterson relayed the opinion that it is inappropriate for a person with power to make decisions for the City based on their personal experiences. It was concluded that the actual statement will be added to the minutes verbatim.

No Action Taken

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval of a Contribution for Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

Stanchina stated that a non-profit organization has been set up to treatment the Eurasian Milfoil in Lake Antoine. He noted that the City donated \$2,500 last year and that the same amount was budgeted for this year. Peterson requested that the City donate \$3,000 to the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil in Lake Antoine due to the tourism it generates. She commended the progress that the Lake Antoine Association has made thus far.

Jeff Jayne – 1130 Bay Shore Dr.

He relayed that the Lake Antoine Association is requesting \$3,000 this year. Jayne clarified that the State of Michigan does not provide funds to treat Eurasian Milfoil.

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Rosen voiced his support for a donation of \$2,500. Jayne confirmed that the lake is treated once a year. He explained the reasoning and background for the increased donation request. Peterson suggested that the City offer the Lake Antoine Association non-financial assistance toward the treatment of the Eurasian Milfoil, in light of the city's current financial situation. Alessandrini suggested the idea that a permitting fee could be instituted to use the lake, in an effort to raise money for the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil. Peterson voiced the opinion that she would rather donate \$3,000 than \$2,500.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve a donation of \$2,500 to the Lake Antoine Association for the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Additional Hours Re: City Assessor

Stanchina conveyed that the Board of Review is scheduled to take place and that the City Assessor may need to work additional hours.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to authorize the City Assessor to work up to 39 hours during the week of the Board of Review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Northern Star Broadcasting LLC

Stanchina relayed that Northern Star Broadcasting is being purchased and that Sovereign Communications would like to continue the tower lease that Northern Star Broadcasting recently signed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to approve the proposed Assignment and Assumptions Agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and Sovereign Communications for Northern Star Broadcasting's tower lease.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of no charge City Park Pavilion Rental

Menominee Range Historical Foundation

Stanchina stated that the Menominee Range Historical Foundation holds a Sunday Fun Day event as a fund raiser for their glider restoration project. He said that the event will be held June 19, 2011 from 11:00-3:00.

Golden K Club

Stanchina stated the Golden K Club holds an annual picnic for children with special needs. He relayed that the event would be taking place on 5/31/ 2011.

Great Start

Stanchina stated that the Great Start Program holds an annual family fun day. He conveyed that this is a rather large event, therefore justifying the free pavilion use on a Saturday.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve a no charge pavilion rental for the Menominee Range Historical Foundation on 6/19/2011.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Corombos to approve a no charge pavilion rental for the Golden K on 5/31/2011.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to approve a no charge pavilion rental for the Great Start Program on 8/27/2011.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of a Fire Response Mutual Aid Agreement between the cities of Iron Mountain and Kingsford

Stanchina relayed that a mutual aid agreement was in place from 1998-2006. He detailed the options that are available within mutual aid agreements. Stanchina stated that both cities agreed to mutual aid for known structure fires. He expressed the Fire Chief's concerns for radio compatibility and increased overtime. Rosen voiced his confidence that adequate training will be provided and partaken in, as far as this agreement is concerned. Stanchina conveyed that the pager system will be reviewed during collective bargaining. He confirmed that the proposed mutual aid agreement will not improve the Fire Department's current ISO rating.

No Action Taken

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Discussion of two hour parking signs

Peterson detailed a recent request for a two hour parking sign in front of a local business. She expressed the opinion that two hour parking signs should be considered for certain businesses. Rosen conveyed that he was not in favor of the City incurring additional expenses due to two hour parking signs. Corombos suggested that this issue could be something the DDA could monitor. Rosen relayed the idea that the City has already made an ample investment into parking in the Downtown.

No Action Taken

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina informed the City Council that he had spoken to Congressman McBroom about Senate Bill 34, a proposed bill to eliminate Personal Property Tax. He stated that McBroom did not feel the bill would be approved in the near future, especially without a replacement for the revenue.

Stanchina reported that the City's recent lighting upgrade saved approximately \$800 in the month of January. He noted that the payback period for the lighting upgrade is one and a half to two years.

Stanchina stated that five blinking school zone signs were costing the City \$2,500 a year. He noted that the signs were no longer needed and that they have been replaced with new signage.

Stanchina conveyed that the current Lake Antoine Bike Path design does not require additional easements. He explained the details of the bike path's placement. Stanchina relayed that the City may now be able to perform some in-kind work rather than contributing just cash. Jacobetti expressed his support for the project. Stanchina stated that he will have all the information available at the next meeting.

Stanchina said that he is working on the Fornetti land swap deal, despite the results of the Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA).

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina noted that the Consolidated Services Committee had met and that they had discussed mutual aid for fire fighting and the possibility of incentives from Governor Snyder for consolidation efforts.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Peterson noted that Angie Thomassoni has passed away.

Stanchina stated that it would be preferable to receive all donation letters during the budget process. He updated the City Council on the current status of the DDA Boundaries.

Corombos noted that home grown industries make a real difference in the community.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer