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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Moraska, Revord, Villa, Blomquist & Coe

Absent: Council Member List

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Cavalieri & City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Approval of Resolution of Recognition Re: Chuck Lantz" be added to New Business as item number one, adjusting the remaining items accordingly.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2015

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Crystal Wescher – 427 Millie St.

Wescher requested that a sign be posted on the roadway in front of her home due to children with special needs. She stated that the street requires repair. Stanchina confirmed that he would make a copy of the City's sign policy available and that he would review what would be required to repair the roadway in front of Wescher's home.

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval of Resolution of Recognition Re: Chuck Lantz

Alessandrini presented the Resolution of Recognition to Chuck Lantz for his efforts in the Veterans' Affairs Office. Lantz expressed his appreciation for the recognition and opinion that further efforts are required regarding veterans' benefits.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the Resolution of Recognition for Chuck Lantz, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Presentation by County Commissioner Martin Re: County's Millage Request

County Commissioner Ann Martin outlined Dickinson County's budget concerns and their reasons for requesting a millage increase. Alessandrini objected to increasing taxes and the current ballot language. He suggested that increased taxes will make Dickinson County less attractive for development. Alessandrini stressed the importance of developing a five-year budget forecast. Dolly Cook, County Clerk, verified that the language on the August 2015 ballot is State mandated. Martin clarified that the County placed the question on the August ballot in an attempt to prepare for their upcoming budget. Moraska questioned the County's rationale for not being willing to consolidate police services given the current financial situation. He reiterated the importance of a five-year budget forecast.

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Pam Maule – 604 W. B Street

Maule conveyed the importance of making the tax payers aware of the services the County offers and the fiscal challenges that are being faced.

Villa raised the issue of increased costs due to state and federal mandates. She voiced the concern for those on fixed incomes having to pay an increased tax bill.

Barb Kramer – County Commissioner

Kramer asserted that the large amount of tax-reverted property in Dickinson County had a detrimental effect on the growth of the tax base.

Discussion of Land Purchase Request Re: YMCA

Stanchina reviewed the current status of the YMCA's expansion plans.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to move forward with the YMCA's land purchase request.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 1400 and 1500 Block of Ludington Sewer Replacement

Stanchina explained that the sewer located below the 1400 and 1500 block of Ludington Street is in need of replacement. Moraska highlighted a potential clerical error in the proposed bid specifications.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Coe to solicit bids for sewer replacement on the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Ludington Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2015 Paving

Stanchina announced that the City is planning to pave approximately 9,800 feet at an estimated cost of \$409,866. He relayed the streets that would be included in the project.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to solicit bids for the 2015 paving program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Seal and Crack Fill City-Owned Parking Lots

Stanchina imparted a request to solicit bids for the seal and crack fill of City-owned parking lots.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to authorize the solicitation of bids to seal and crack fill City-owned parking lots.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduce and Set Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendment Re: Chapter 42 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Division 2: Possession and Discharge of Firearms

Stanchina recommended that Chapter 42, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Division 2: Possession and Discharge of Firearms, of the City's Code of Ordinances be amended to only allow hunting on City property through the City's Comprehensive Deer Management Program. He concluded that the operation of an indoor archery facility would not be affected by the amendment. Coe communicated his safety concerns regarding unregulated hunting within the City.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Moraska to set a Public Hearing for the amendment of Chapter 42, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Division 2: Possession and Discharge of Firearms for July 20, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Adjustment to Administrative Salary Step Schedule

Stanchina presented a request to adjust the Administrative Salary Step Schedule upward by 1.75% and consider employees for step schedule advancement.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve a 1.75% adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule, effective July 1, 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Agreement Re: CGI Communications

Stanchina stated that the City's agreement with CGI Communication must be updated. He indicated that the welcome video on the City's website needs to be updated.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the agreement with CGI Communications, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of a contribution for Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

Stanchina informed the City Council that the spread of the Eurasian Milfoil has been stopped in Lake Antoine. He asked that the Council approve an annual contribution of \$3,500 toward the Eurasian Milfoil Treatment.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to authorize a \$3,500 donation to the Lake Antoine Association for the treatment of the Eurasian Milfoil.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Kingsford High School Cross Country Meet Re: City Park Trails

Stanchina detailed a request by the Kingsford Athletic Director, Al Unger, to use the City Park trails to host a cross country meet on September 15, 2015, from 1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Coe noted that he is working with Mr. Unger to determine if the new fence at the soccer field will accommodate the cross country runners.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to close the City Park Trails on September 15, 2015, from 1:30 to 6:00 P.M. for a Kingsford High School cross country meet.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Letter of Agreement Re: POLC and POAM

Stanchina requested that the Letter of Agreement with the POLC, Police Lieutenants, and POAM, Police Sergeants and Patrol, regarding the switch to a seamless HRA wrap health insurance plan be approved.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Revord to approve the Letter of Understanding with the POLC and POAM, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association

Stanchina recommended that the City contribute \$300.00 toward the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association. He detailed the marketing materials they produce.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the 2015-16 investment allocation for the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association in the amount of \$300.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure, Noise Ordinance Waiver and Special Liquor License Re: Italian Fest

Stanchina submitted a request by Rebecca Grider to close the parking lot adjacent to East A, Iron Mountain, and Hughitt Streets from 7:00 A.M. on Friday, August 14, 2015 through 10:00 A.M. on Sunday August 16, 2015, to hold Italian Fest.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the parking lot closure, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to authorize the application for a Special Liquor License from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the Italian Fest event on August 14th and 15th.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

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City Manager Reports

City Park Skate Park

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the City Park skate park project.

Spring Drop Off

Stanchina reported on the outcome of the spring drop-off.

Iron Mountain Police Department Body Cameras

Stanchina notified the City Council that the Iron Mountain Police Department has received body cameras and that a policy regarding their use is being developed.

Stanchina verified that surveillance cameras were utilized to catch vandals at City Park.

Revord asked Stanchina to invite Ms. Pelto to the next regular Council meeting to discuss community planning.

Villa stated that the Brad Maki Memorial Pavilion turned out very nice and that it is open to the public on a first come first served basis. Stanchina supported the creation of a formal policy regarding pavilion use. Villa stressed that smoking is not permitted in public buildings, including those at City Park. Alessandrini noted that the dedication plaque for the new pavilion has been ordered.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina imparted that the Labor Relations Committee needs to meet.

Public Comment

Barb Kramer – 135 Bradley St.

Kramer conveyed that the silt fence on the 1500 Block of Margaret Street needs to be altered.

Ann Martin – 812 W. B St.

Martin communicated her appreciation for the City's tree program.

Council Member Privilege


Moraska thanked the representatives from Dickinson County for presenting to the City Council regarding the County's millage request.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer