

# *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Zemar, Saldana & Blomquist

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

## **Approval of Agenda**

Alessandrini suggested that "Discussion of Millie Hill Bat Cave Trail Observation Deck" be added as item one under New Business.

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018*

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Bid Award Re: 2018 Paving**

Stanchina recommended that Bacco Construction Company be awarded the 2018 paving bid at a cost of \$380,552.41. He detailed the proposed paving.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to award the 2018 paving bid to Bacco Construction Company in the amount of \$380,552.41.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **New Business**

### **Discussion of Mille Hill Bat Cave Trail Observation Deck**

Tamara Juul, Iron Mountain – Kingsford Rotary Club President, and Jeff DeRidder, Project Chair, outlined a potential Rotary Club project to build an observation deck at the Millie Hill Bat Cave Trail. Juul indicated that there would be no cost to the City and that the Rotary Club would like permission to move forward with the planning process. She confirmed that the improvements would become the property of the City.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to move forward with the planning process for a Millie Hill Bat Cave Trail observation deck, with final project approval requiring Council action.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application Re: MERS Pension**

Stanchina reviewed the pertinent requirements of Act 202 of 2017 and the City's request for a waiver. He noted that the MERS Pension is 38.1% funded and requires 14.3% of the governmental fund revenues with the Police and Fire Pension Fund revenue included and 6.77% without. Stanchina highlighted what has been done to decrease the City's pension liability. Alessandrini communicated that the City has been working diligently to correct this situation.

It was moved by List and supported by Revord to approve the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application for the City of Iron Mountain's MERS Pension.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Approval of Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application Re: OPEB**

Stanchina imparted that Act 202 of 2017 requires Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) to be at a 40% funded ratio and require less than 12% of governmental fund revenues. He relayed that the City's OPEB have a funded ratio of 0% and require 20.7% of governmental fund revenues. Stanchina conveyed that this application does not have a section for future improvement plans.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application for the City of Iron Mountain's Other Post-Employment Benefits.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Grant Agreement Re: Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Program**

Stanchina presented the performance of last year's tire clean up and the DEQ Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the DEQ Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution**

Stanchina stated that the special assessment for 416 4<sup>th</sup> Street is for unpaid utilities in the amount of \$90.84.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to adopt a resolution establishing a special assessment on 416 4<sup>th</sup> Street for unpaid utilities in the amount of \$90.84.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Authorize Solicitation of Bids Re: Public Works Lawn Mower**

Stanchina requested that the City Council approve the solicitation of bids for a new lawn tractor for the Department of Public Works as the current unit is in need of replacement and funds have been budgeted for a replacement. Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, verified that a zero-turn unit is not being requested due to stability issues on steep declines and that the inclusion of two or four wheel drive is dependent on price.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Saldana to accept bids for a lawn mower, as shown in the specifications, with bids to be received until 4:00 p.m. and opened at 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2018.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **DDA Appointment Re: Lynda Zanon**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to re-appoint Lynda Zanon to the Downtown Development Authority for four-year term to expire on April 4, 2022.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Spring Household Waste Drop-Off*

Stanchina announced that the spring household waste drop-off will be held in front of the Department of Public Works Facility from May 10, 2018, to May 12, 2018.

#### *2017/2018 Budget*

The City Council agreed that the first Budget Workshop would be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 11, 2018.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

### **Committee Reports**

Stanchina notified the City Council that the Infrastructure Committee met to discuss reducing access to the City's compost pile due to inappropriate use and increased removal costs. Revord suggested the possibility of accommodating residents that require special consideration.

Stanchina informed the City Council of a request by Consignment Mamas at the corner of East Hughitt and Iron Mountain Street for a no parking/loading zone spot.

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**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

*Ed Felton, Felch MI*

Felton thanked the Iron Mountain City Council for supporting youth baseball.

**Council Member Privilege**

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Maule expressed her appreciation for the support for Bellin Health Systems' acquisition of the Dickinson County Health System.

List offered her sympathy for the Weslin family's recent loss.

Alessandrini lead a moment of silence for Jacob Weslin.

Revord complimented the Director of Public Works and his staff for the level of service they offered a resident on the east side of town.

Stanchina explained that alleys are not being plowed due to spring thaw conditions.

Alessandrini supported placing a School Liaison officer millage request on the ballot. He reiterated Maule's support of Bellin Health Systems' acquisition of the Dickinson County Health System (DCHS). Revord asserted that all factors have to be considered when looking at the changes in the hospital's revenue.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer