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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Members Maule, Revord, Zemar, Clawson & Tomassoni (*Entered 6:04 P.M.*)

Absent: Member Blomquist

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Approval of Invoice Re: Detroit Street Project" be added as item number six under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Jerry Rahoi – 907 E. D Street

Rahoi communicated that it is better to ask people questions directly than it is to gossip about them. He also imparted his disapproval with the Iron Mountain Police Department.

Public Hearing

Purchase of Police Vehicle via Rural Development

Stanchina conveyed that the City's grant request has already been funded by Rural Development, pending completion of this hearing.

Alessandrini opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit AWD

Stanchina presented a request to purchase a 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit AWD due to Rural Development grant funding being approved. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, stressed the importance of timely delivery. He confirmed that the Police Department currently has 3 all-wheel drive vehicles.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to solicit bids for a 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit AWD with bids to be received by 4:00 P.M. and opened at 6:00 P.M. on October 4, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Authorization to Purchase Re: Lights and Equipment for a 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit AWD

Stanchina indicated that it would be preferable to start the light ordering process.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to purchase lights and equipment for a 2021 Dodge Charger, as requested, from El-com at a cost of \$8,656.87.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduce and Establish a Public Hearing Re: Lease with the Department of Natural Resources

Stanchina reviewed a plan to change the current easement area the Department of Natural Resources holds for the snowmobile trail in the plat of Rosenheimer's First Addition to the City of Iron Mountain. He relayed that this amendment would remove the ORV trail traffic off of Milwaukee Avenue and Lehman Avenue and utilize the old railroad grade.

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Maule to consider a land lease over right-of-way known as Addison St. to relocate the ORV trail traffic off of Milwaukee Ave. and Lehman Ave. to the old railroad grade at 6:00 P.M. on October 4, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amend Previous Industrial Facilities Exemption Re: Boss Snowplow

Stanchina outlined an amendment to the previous Industrial Facilities Exemption that the City granted Boss Snowplow to add a 19,000 square ft. addition to their current facility. He explained that the amendment process could be utilized as the tax exemption certificate is within its first two years of being issued.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Zemar to hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on October 4, 2021, to consider the amendment of a previous Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate granted in 2020 to Boss Snowplow allowing a 19,000 square ft. building addition.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Grant Agreement Re: 2021 DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant Program

Stanchina indicated that the 2021 DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant Program's grant agreement requires the Mayor's signature. He asserted that this grant will not cost the City a monetary contribution.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve the DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant Program Grant Agreement, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Invoice Re: Detroit Street Project

Stanchina stated that all but one lawn restoration has been completed and that the total amount due should be paid, less \$1,000.00 for pending work. Alessandrini expressed the opinion that more attention needs to be paid to sidewalk restoration quality prior to returning a deposit.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to pay invoice number 19738 to Neuens Landscaping in the amount of \$113,700.00 with an additional \$1,000.00 being paid upon lawn restoration being completed to staff satisfaction.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

August Payroll and 08/12/2021-09/15/2021 Claims

Stanchina noted that the check for Closet Room Solutions is being approved but will not be issued to the company until the work is completed.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$355,238.43 and Claims in the amount of \$3,953,026.74 with net claims being \$471,946.75.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the low preliminary score of the Pewabic Hill Multi-Use trail MDNR Trust Fund Grant application and that he will continue to see how it can be improved; availability of a tour of the upgraded waste water treatment plant facility and on the City's current tax tribunal issues.

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Alessandrini stated his disapproval that the Kmart Plaza, AmericInn, Days Inn, Midtown Mall and Walgreens are taking excessive advantage of the tax tribunal's current environment. Revord suggested that the issue is with the law allowing the requests and not the businesses utilizing the competitive advantage.

Stanchina highlighted the need for additional Oktoberfest volunteers.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola relayed that the two major tower leases are up-to-date and that the other, more incidental, tower leases may be coming due soon.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer