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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Maule

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Central Landfill Authority Appointment Re: Jordan Stanchina" be added as item eleven under New Business.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by List to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of October 15, 2018, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval of Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Corrective Action Plan and Resolution Re: Retiree Health Insurance

Stanchina presented the City's corrective action plan and resolution to address retiree health insurance.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to adopt the proposed corrective action plan and resolution to address retiree health insurance.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of PA 202 Corrective Action Plan Re: MERS Pension Plan

Stanchina reviewed the corrective action plan to address the City's MERS pension plan. He indicated that a resolution is not required for this corrective action plan as there is no request to contribute additional funds.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to adopt the corrective action plan to address the City's MERS pension plan, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Phone System Upgrade Re: CCI Systems

Stanchina imparted that the City's phone system was installed in 2010 and is beyond its useful life. He confirmed that the cost of labor is high on the project due to networking requirements.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to approve the proposal and statement of work provided by CCI Systems for a hosted PBX network deployment at the City of Iron Mountain, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval to Close City Hall Offices Re: Day After Thanksgiving

Stanchina asked that City Hall be closed the day after Thanksgiving. He verified that the Council could establish the day after Thanksgiving City Hall closure as a policy. List questioned why the day after Thanksgiving is not a paid holiday.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to adopt a policy to close City Hall the day after Thanksgiving with the employees being required to use paid leave or receive no pay.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Easement Request Re: Dickinson County Road Commission

Stanchina submitted a request by the Dickinson County Road Commission for a temporary grading permit for the land adjacent to Campbell Street to prepare for road improvements.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve the Temporary Grading Permit for Construction, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Pavement Roller

Stanchina relayed that the City's current pavement roller has a model year of 1987 and is in need of replacement. He noted that \$18,500 is available in the budget for the purchase of a used roller. Alessandrini suggested that it may be advantageous for the City to attend the Wausau Equipment Auction.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to solicit bids for a used roller with bids to be due by 4:00 p.m. on November 19, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Request to Purchase Military Service Credit

Stanchina outlined a request by Lt. Michael Weslin to purchase military time service credit. He recommended that the request be reviewed by the Labor Relations Committee.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to refer Lt. Michael Weslin's request to purchase military time service credit to the Labor Relations Committee.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Sidewalk Removal Re: 1207 W. B St.

Stanchina detailed a letter by Loren and Donna Duerr to remove a section of sidewalk in front of 1207 W. B Street. He stated that replacement of the sidewalk could be required in the future. Loren Duerr asserted that one section of sidewalk in question is adjacent to 1205 W. B St.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the removal of the sidewalk adjacent to 1205 and 1207 W. B Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution Re: Unpaid Permit Fees, Utility Bills, and Lawn Maintenance /Blight Remediation

Stanchina offered the following single-lot assessments for Council consideration:

Special Assessment Utilities		Description
708 Carpenter Ave.	328.07	water use
607 E. D St.	155.53	water use
211 W. Brown St.	72.78	water use
Total	556.38	

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Special Assessment Certificates		Description
816 E. B St.	25.00	rental fee
816 E. B St.	25.00	rental fee
1008 W. A St.	25.00	rental fee
1008 W. A St.	25.00	rental fee
Total	100.00	

Special Assessment Permits		Description
1805 S. Stephenson Ave.	25.00	zoning verification
Total	25.00	

Special Assessment Blight		Description
503 Detroit Ave.	185.33	lawn maintenance
1000 River Ave.	90.00	lawn maintenance
620 Vulcan St.	284.59	lawn maintenance
620 Vulcan St.	2,800.00	lawn maintenance citation
624 E. B St.	516.06	lawn maintenance
624 E. B St.	50.00	lawn maintenance citation
417 W. Hughitt St.	976.98	blight
709 Wells St.	50.00	lawn maintenance citation
709 Wells St.	370.67	lawn maintenance
1000 River Ave.	50.00	blight citation
Total	5,373.63	
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$ 6,055.01</i>	

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It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve a single-lot assessment at 708 Carpenter Avenue in the amount of \$328.07, 607 E. D Street in the amount of \$155.53 and 211 W. Brown Street in the amount of \$72.78 for utility fees, 816 E. B St. for \$25.00, 816 E. B St. for \$25.00, 1008 W. A Street in the amount of \$25.00 and 1008 W. A Street in the amount of \$25.00 for rental fees, 1805 S. Stephenson Avenue in the amount of \$25.00 for permit fees, 503 Detroit Avenue in the amount of \$185.33, 1000 River Avenue in the amount of \$90.00, 620 Vulcan Street in the amount of 284.59, 620 Vulcan Street in the amount of \$2,800, 624 E. B Street in the amount of 516.06, 624 E. B Street in the amount of \$50.00, 417 W. Hughitt Street in the amount of \$976.98, 709 Wells Street in the amount of \$50.00, 709 Wells Street in the amount 370.67 and River Avenue in the amount of \$50.00 for blight fees.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduce and Set a Public Hearing for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Accessory Building

Stanchina reviewed the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 74-420, Accessory Buildings. He conveyed that the public hearing would be at 6:00 P.M. on December 3, 2018.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to set a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 74-420, Accessory Buildings, at 6:00 P.M. on December 3, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Central Landfill Authority Appointment Re: Jordan Stanchina

Stanchina explained the duties of the Central Landfill Authority and that there are funds held for the maintenance of the landfill.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to appoint Jordan Stanchina to the Central Landfill Authority for a term to expire on November 3, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

CGI Video

Stanchina informed the Council that the City's contract for the CGI video on the website is expired and he surveyed interest is renewing the contract.

Salt Prices

Stanchina reported that salt prices have increased and that the City will be looking for ways to increase salting efficiency.

Deer Management

Stanchina notified the Council that 25 deer had been harvested and that the final number is likely to decrease due to logging on City property. He announced that a case of chronic wasting disease was found in our area and he conveyed how the Department of Natural Resources is handling the situation.

Brush Drop-Off / Leaf Collection

Stanchina communicated that the Brush Drop-Off / Leaf Collection site will be closed on November 7, 2018. He updated the Council on the status of the leaf pick-up.

Alessandrini inquired as to whether or not a building can be condemned for mold. Stanchina imparted that it is not easy to condemn a property.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

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Public Comment

Cyndi Safstrom - 1215 Stockbridge

Safstrom voiced her concern for the flooding by her home at the corner of H Street and Stockbridge Avenue. It was concluded that the City Manager and the Department of Public Works Supervisor would address her concerns.

Council Member Privilege

Revord requested that the Infrastructure Committee meet regarding available vacant property and housing shortages.

Alessandrini presented on his trip to Rome, Italy, to meet the mayor of our sister city.

List reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer