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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Revord, Blomquist, Zemar & Saldana

Absent: Council Members Maule

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Letter of Agreement with Local 1176 Re: Motor Pool Overtime" and "Sale of Surplus Equipment" be added as items nine and ten under New Business, respectively.

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 Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of April 30, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Medical Marihuana Facilities and Zoning Ordinance

Alessandrini opened the floor for public comment regarding the draft Medical Marihuana Facilities and Zoning Ordinance.

Dan Kreider – N3860 N Grand Oak Dr., Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Kreider introduced his business partners and himself to the City Council and offered suggestions relating to the upcoming merit-based scoring rubric for the issuance of medical marihuana licenses.

Corey Formolo – W9255 Russel St., Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Formolo offered his assistance, based on his past employment experience, regarding the City's consideration of medical marihuana regulations.

Dave Fraser – N5991 State Hwy M 95

Fraser outlined his suggestions for the Medical Marihuana Facilities and Zoning Ordinances.

Donnie Jokinen – 710 Hemlock St., Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Jokinen suggested that a drive-through be permitted to accommodate the infirm.

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Stanchina communicated the opinion that the zoning ordinance seems sufficient and that only clerical changes were proposed. He recommended setting a Public Hearing for the zoning ordinance amendments regarding medical marihuana facilities on June 3, 2019, and that the Council reviews the Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance at the next regular meeting.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to set a public hearing to consider the adoption of the zoning ordinance regarding medical marihuana facilities, as presented, on June 3, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Award Engineering Services Contract Re: West C St.

Stanchina explained the process by which he evaluated the bids for the West C St. Project. He confirmed that he had not needed to use this calculation method in the past.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to award the engineering services contract to Coleman Engineering at a cost of \$85,849.

Revord Nay

Alessandrini Aye

Zemar Aye

Blomquist Aye

Saldana Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

New Business

Resolution in Support of Bike to Work and National Bicycle Month

Stanchina indicated the City has approved a resolution in support of bike to work activities for many years.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the Bike to Work and National Bicycle Month Resolution, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Memorial Day Parade Route

Stanchina submitted the 2019 Memorial Day Parade route for City Council consideration.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve the 2019 Memorial Day Parade route, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Quantity Change to Add 24-Hour Lot Re: Bacco

Stanchina stated that the City's 24-hour parking lot at the intersection of Iron Mountain and Hughitt Streets should be repaved during the current paving program, instead of 2020 as projected, due to a favorable price on asphalt and the paving of the adjacent roadway. He informed the City Council that the additional cost would be \$17,500.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Saldana to authorize a change order to the 2019 paving program for the paving of the 24-hour parking lot at the intersection of Iron Mountain and Hughitt Streets.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of a Contribution for Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

Stanchina noted that the Lake Antoine Association's contribution request for the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil had decreased to \$1,500. Alessandrini voiced his appreciation for the efforts by the City of Iron Mountain, Breitung Township and the Lake Antoine Association's members to combat the Eurasian Milfoil problem.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the Lake Antoine Association for the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Farmer's Market

Stanchina relayed a request on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority and the Farmers & Artisans Market Executive Committee to close the City parking lot adjacent to A Street, behind the Downtown Plaza (Spiros), between 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Saturdays, from June 1, 2019 to October 19, 2019, for the 2019 Farmers & Artisans Market.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve the closure of the City parking lot adjacent to A Street, behind the Downtown Plaza (Spiros), between 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Saturdays, from June 1, 2019 to October 19, 2019, for the 2019 Farmers & Artisans Market.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Out to Lunch

Stanchina reviewed a request for the closure of the parking lot east of the performance stage and Iron Mountain St. between East A St. and Hughitt St. during the 2019 Out to Lunch concert series.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve the closure of the parking lot east of the performance stage and Iron Mountain St. between East A St. and Hughitt St. every Thursday from June 13, 2019, through August 15, 2019, with the exception of Thursday, July 4, from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Fire Hydrants

Stanchina presented a request to purchase seven fire hydrants at a cost of \$2,795 per hydrant. Director of Public Works, Scott Thomas, conveyed that there is only one inoperable fire hydrant in town and that hydrants are being updated annually.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Alessandrini to purchase seven fire hydrants at a cost of \$2,795 per hydrant.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request for Easement from WE Energies for E. Industrial Dr.

Stanchina imparted that Toro is moving utility lines as part of a future expansion project and that WE Energies has requested a utility easement along the west side of the north half of E. Industrial Park Dr. to accommodate the relocation at a cost of \$1.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed easement for the Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation along the west side of the north half of E. Industrial Park Dr. at a cost of \$1.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Understanding with Local 1176 Re: Motor Pool Overtime

Stanchina requested that the City Council approve a letter of agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and the Local 1176 Union to allow Alex Hiatt to work motor pool overtime when needed without any repercussions from the union.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve the proposed letter of agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and the Local 1176 Union to allow Alex Hiatt to work motor pool overtime when needed without any repercussions from the union.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Stanchina detailed the list of surplus equipment to be sold.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to authorize the sale of surplus City equipment, as presented, with bids to be opened on June 3, 2019.

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 on Thursday, May 16th (7:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Friday, May 17th (7:30a.m. to 3 p.m.), and Saturday, May 18th (7:30a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Paving

Stanchina relayed that the East Side Tennis Courts, North Side Pickleball Courts, Local Street and Small Urban Street paving projects started today. He conveyed that the tennis courts and pickleball courts will not be available until mid-June.

Brush and Leaf Pick-Up

Stanchina stated that brush and leaf pick up began today.

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Wastewater Treatment Upgrades

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the wastewater treatment plant project.

Council Member Resignation

Stanchina notified the City Council of Amanda List's resignation from the City Council.

Alessandrini raised the issue of vandalism occurring at City Park.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina clarified that the City does not have an exact cost for opioid-related City expenses. Revord reiterated his request for the City to set up a meeting to discuss mental health issues with the Dickinson County Healthcare System.

Zemar expressed his support for the City meeting with the hospital regarding mental health.

Blomquist and Alessandrini noted that they have been approached with business opportunities relating to medical marihuana. The Council concluded that it would be best for Blomquist and Alessandrini to abstain from voting on issues relating to the upcoming ordinance amendments and merit-based scoring rubric.

Closed Session

City Manager Evaluation

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to move into closed session at 7:17 P.M.

Alessandrini Aye
Zemar Aye
Blomquist Aye
Saldana Aye
Revord Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstain-0)


Closed Session ended at 7:26 P.M.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer