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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lisa Riley - N1736 Spring Street, Vulcan, MI

Riley expressed her concern for the recreational marijuana market overtaking the medical marijuana market. She suggested placing a point premium on maintaining medical marijuana when issuing recreational licenses.

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Virginia imparted that it would be best to move slowly regarding recreational marijuana until the outcome of allowing medical marijuana plays out. She indicated that time is needed for education.

Dave Fraser – N5991 State Highway M95

Fraser communicated that allowing recreational marijuana allows access to cannabis during the upcoming transition period.

Old Business

None

New Business

Set a Public Hearing Re: West Half of the 500 Block of Chapin St.

Stanchina detailed a request by Scott and Mina Fayas of 501 N. Stephenson Ave. to vacate the southern 90' of the west half of Chapin Street beginning at the northern right-of-way line of Fifth Street. He stressed that the neighbor to the east of the proposed vacated area has no interest in participating in the vacation process. Alessandrini, Blomquist and Saldana questioned the City's benefit of leaving half the right-of-way not vacated. Stanchina, Maule and Revord supported moving forward with the request, as stated, in an attempt to avoid potential conflicts.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to set a public hearing on October 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM to vacate the southern 90' of Chapin Street beginning at the northern right-of-way line of Fifth Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish a Public Hearing for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Re: Eden Property Collection (208 E. Ludington St.)

Stanchina reviewed the application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate by Eden Property Collection to develop seven second-story apartments at 208 E. Ludington Street. He relayed that Eden Property Collection would be eligible for up to 10 years of abatement. Beau Anderson, owner of 208 E. Ludington Street, was present to answer questions. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to set a public hearing on October 7, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. to consider the application by Eden Property Collection (208 E. Ludington St.) for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate

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Schinderle Aye
Maule Aye
Revord Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Blomquist Abstain
Zemar Aye
Saldana Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-1)

Recreational Marijuana

Stanchina outlined the proposed zoning amendment and facilities ordinance regarding recreational marijuana. Stanchina explained the method of protecting the production of medical marijuana. Zemar raised the idea of allowing additional medical marijuana licenses. Blomquist noted that black market and legal marijuana are not the same. Maule conveyed that it would be better to wait and see how the licensed medical marijuana operations go prior to allowing recreational marijuana. Alessandrini, Revord and Stanchina stated that the medical marijuana facilities are also depending on recreational sales. Blomquist asserted that people could just purchase marijuana elsewhere and bring it in the city whether or not it is sold here. Maule offered the idea that the medical marijuana facilities in our community could sell more medical product to other areas. It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to set a public hearing on October 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM to consider the approval of the proposed zoning amendment and facilities ordinance regarding recreational marijuana

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Award Re: Used Plow Truck

Stanchina recommended that the City Council purchase the 2009 International Plow Truck from Mid-States International at a price of \$61,900.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to purchase the 2009 International Plow Truck from Mid-States International at a price of \$61,900.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of FY2020 Membership Dues Re: CUPPAD

Stanchina requested that the City Council pay the 2019/2020 membership dues request from CUPPAD due to their efforts within our community.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to pay the 2019/2020 membership dues request from CUPPAD due to their efforts within our community.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: Purchase of Winter Street Sand

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Company	Price/Ton
Morin Excavating	\$5.73
Mid-West Asphalt and Gravel	\$5.80

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to purchase 2,000 tons of sand from Morin Excavating at a cost of \$5.73/ton contingent upon sand meeting specifications.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Alessandrini presented the General Fund reserves for Council consideration.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve the General Fund reserves, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Election Inspector Compensation Adjustment

Stanchina submitted a request to increase Election Inspector compensation.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to rescind the offering of food stipends and chairperson bonuses and increase Election Inspector compensation to \$13.00 per hour and \$15.00 for chairpeople.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

August Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$387,329.82 and Claims in the amount of \$4,054,341.29 with net claims being \$478,333.10.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Security Camera System Done

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the security camera system installation and loader repairs. He announced the Planning Commission's upcoming Master Plan Public Engagement Meeting.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Lisa Riley - N1736 Spring Street, Vulcan, MI

Riley stated that recreational marijuana is good for the areas and that THC is not addictive.

Craig Canterbury - 530 Section St., Norway, MI

Canterbury noted that medical marijuana only gives a head start for recreational marijuana as the product is the same. He conveyed his support for allowing microgrow operations and recreational marijuana as a source of better oversight.

Dave Fraser - N5991 State Hwy M 95

Fraser imparted that all marijuana is tested; it just cost more to do if you do not have a local facility.

Council Member Privilege

Maule and Saldana voiced their appreciation for the public's participation in the meetings.

Saldana offered the idea of holding a Hispanic Heritage Day celebration.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer