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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via electronic meeting.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Schinderle, Revord, Blomquist, Zemar & Clawson

Absent: Council Member Maule

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

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

Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Schinderle	Aye

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

Approval of Minutes

Stanchina noted that the DDA millage in the May 21, 2018, City Council minutes should have read five years instead of two.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018, as amended.

Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye

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

Stanchina indicated that the agenda should have stated that the April 20, 2020, minutes were for a regular meeting and not a special meeting.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020, as amended.

Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye

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

Stanchina relayed that the minute of April 21, 2020, April 23, 2020, April 27, 2020, and April 30, 2020, were all budget hearings.

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It was moved by Schinderle and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of April 21, 2020, April 23, 2020, April 27, 2020, and April 30, 2020, as presented.

Revord Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye

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

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval to Proceed Re: Millie Hill Single-Track Bike Trail

Chad Susott, President of the Dickinson Trail Network, presented his trail development plan. He detailed future expansion plans, the process that would be used to clear the trails and future funding strategies. He clarified that the former Pewabic Mine pit is privately owned and that it would be a great recreation area to development in the future if the opportunity arises. Revord supported the idea of developing the Pewabic Mine pit area. Pirkola suggested that the proposed land-use agreement be amended to include the City being named insured.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Dickinson Trail Network Land-Use Agreement with the addition of the City of Iron Mountain being named insured.

Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye

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

It was moved by Schinderle and supported by Alessandrini to move forward with the Dickinson Trail Network's trail development plan.

Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye

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

Consideration of City Park Pavilion Rental Cancellation/Refund

Stanchina communicated that the City Park Pavilion rentals for the months of May and June should be refunded due to COVID-19 restrictions, with additional refund periods being authorized as the situation progresses. Revord expressed the opinion that all rentals should be refunded as the COVID-19 concerns are not likely to subside in the near future. Alessandrini conveyed his support for Revord's sentiments.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to authorize refunds of all City Park Pavilion rental fees for 2020.

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Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye

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

Letter of Agreement with IAFF Local #554, AFL-CIO Re: Personal Days

Stanchina submitted a letter of agreement with the IAFF Local #554, AFL-CIO regarding the carrying-over of personal days for Fire Department employees until December 31, 2020, due to staffing issues.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Schinderle to approve the letter of agreement with the IAFF Local #554, AFL-CIO, as presented.

Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Schinderle Aye

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

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Paving

Stanchina announced that paving has begun today and should be complete by Wednesday.

Census

Stanchina imparted the importance of completing a census survey.

Budget Hearing

Stanchina requested that the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Hearing be held on May 18, 2020.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to establish a Public Hearing on May 18, 2020, to consider the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget.

Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye

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

Stanchina informed the City Council that garbage collection is moved back to the alley today.

Stanchina presented the annual National Bike Month Resolution for Council consideration.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve the annual National Bike Month Resolution, as submitted.

Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye

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

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The City Council discussed the upcoming Verso Paper Mill shut down, slated to begin on May 15, 2020, and its potential impact on the area's COVID-19 infection rate.

Stanchina stated that the Sovereign Communications tower lease areas have been paid.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Department of Public Works Supervisor Scott Thomas verified that the lawn areas that were damaged by the snow plows will be fixed when top soil arrives.

Stanchina stated that Sovereign Communications is continuing operations.

Alessandrini reminded the citizens to stay home and stay safe.

Adjournment

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

Revord Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer