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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via electronic meeting.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina asked that "Consideration of Sprinkler System Proposal" be added as item four under New Business and "Dispensary Licensing Update" be added as item five under New Business.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Schinderle to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Re: Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trails

Alessandrini opened the public hearing.

Chad DeGroot, Dickinson Trail Network Board Member, conveyed his support for this project based on the significant boost in the amount of developed trail, especially for beginners. Bob Werner and Chad DeGroot, Dickinson Trail Network Board Members, stated that they have financial support for the project. Steve Veihl, Dickinson Trail Network Board Member, relayed that having a professionally developed trail by a well-known firm will further increase trail utilization and tourism. Stanchina imparted that a special meeting will be scheduled on March 29, 2021, to approve the City's required resolution for the grant application.

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

No Action Taken

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: DPW Shop Floor Grind and Polish

Stanchina opened the following bids:

<i>Company</i>	<i>Shop Area</i>	<i>Wash Bay</i>	<i>Concrete Repair</i>
Terrazzo Creations & Renewal	\$17,300.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,150.00

Stanchina recommend that just the shop area be refurbished at this time due to budget constraints. Maule moved and did not receive a support to authorize refurbishing of the shop area, wash bay and perform concrete repair.

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It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the refurbishment of the shop area's floor by Terrazzo Creations & Renewal at the Department of Public Works Facility at a cost of \$17,300.00.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Blomquist, Clawson, Alessandrini, Revord, Maule, Schinderle & Zemar

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Bid Award Re: Truck Shop Lighting at Department of Public Works

Stanchina recommended approval of M.J. Electric's bid to upgrade lighting in the truck shop at the Department of Public Works building in the amount of \$13,770.00. Revord voiced the opinion that the project should be awarded to G. Brooks Electric as they were the low bidder. Stanchina explained and Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, confirmed that the goal of this project was to increase the level of lighting without increasing electrical costs. Revord reiterated his objection to awarding the bid to M.J. Electric. He moved to reject all the received bids and re-bid the project with specifications offering greater focus on the required light bulbs. The motion failed due to lack of support.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to accept the bid by M.J. Electric to upgrade the truck shop lighting at the Department of Public Works Facility at a cost of \$13,770.00.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini & Maule

Nay: Revord

Abstain: None

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

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD

Stanchina requested that bids be solicited for a 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD. He conveyed the Police Department's need to replace worn vehicles and that grant funding is available to offset the cost. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, suggested that a late delivery penalty should be included in the bid specifications.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Schinderle to solicit bids for a 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD with bids to be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on April 5, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Resolution in Recognition of Service Re: County Clerk Dolly Cook

Alessandrini read the Resolution of Recognition of Service as County Clerk for Dolly Cook into the record.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Resolution of Recognition of Service as County Clerk for Dolly Cook, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to List Used Equipment Re: Wisconsin Surplus

Stanchina submitted a request to dispose of surplus vehicles, equipment and parts on the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction site.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Schinderle to authorize the City Manager or his designee to take the necessary steps for listing surplus equipment on the Wisconsin Surplus online auction site.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Sprinkler System Proposal

Stanchina communicated that the sprinkler system at the Department of Public Works building needs to be repaired and updated. He relayed that contractors for this type of work are hard to find and recommend the selection of Excel Fire Protection, located in Marquette, Michigan, at a cost of \$7,390.00.

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It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize Excel Fire Protection to repair and update the sprinkler system at the Department of Public Works facility at a cost of \$7,390.00.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Maule, Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar & Alessandrini

Nay: Revord

Abstain: None

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

Dispensary Licensing Update

Stanchina reported that he and City Attorney Pirkola have been working on criteria to address the current licensee's progress as compared to the project they submitted. Zemar communicated that the lack of building progress and pay rate of employees is clearly not adequate. Revord voiced his support for giving Stanchina and Pirkola time to work on this issue. Alessandrini suggested subtracting points for items that were not followed through and seeing where the adjusted ranking would fall. Zemar conveyed that it would be better to open up licenses rather than take them away. Stanchina imparted that the special March 29, 2021, meeting would be too soon to present on this issue. He requested three of four weeks. Zemar objected to the proposed time table.

No Action Taken

Reports

Financial Reports

February Payroll and 02/12/2021-03/10/2021 Claims

Blomquist reviewed the February payroll and 2/12/2021-03/10/2021 claims. Stanchina explained that a lack of plowing affects both expense and revenue, therefore both need to be considered when calculating savings. It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$363,496.62 and Claims in the amount of \$1,609,183.11 with net claims being \$628,448.00.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Revord, Maule, Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar & Alessandrini

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Quarterly Financial Report Second Quarter of FY 2020-21

Stanchina offered the Quarterly Financial Report Second Quarter of FY 2020-21 for Council consideration and noted that \$67,000 of payroll reimbursement funds have not been received yet.

No Action Taken

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported that the City-wide rubbish drop off will occur on May 20, 2021, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and May 21, 2021, and May 22, 2021, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;

Keweenaw Land Association is in the preliminary stages of marketing the property adjacent to Kramer Drive and Lower Pine Mountain Road for sale; a proposed development in the downtown would benefit from and the Planning Commission has recommended increasing the maximum building height in the Business-2 zoning district; funds are available for the City's Covid-19-related expenses; State authorization for electronic meetings ends on March 29, 2021, without further Council approval and the water system in the cemetery needs to be addressed due to high water usage.

Alessandrini, Maule, Schinderle and Revord voiced their support for an increased building height. Blomquist suggested using the language "stories above grade" rather than using a set measurement.

Alessandrini indicated an interest in continuing electronic meetings for remote audience viewing purposes. Stanchina suggested installing a large screen television in the council chambers so that information could be displayed digitally during in-person meetings.

Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, verified that there are too many leaks in the water system at Cemetery Park to utilize the City's correlator.

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City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule thanked Alessandrini for generating interest in placing Dolly Cook's resolution on the agenda. Revord stated that landscaping needs to be completed adjacent to last year's paving, and municipal sewer and water options at Ranger Field should be discussed. Alessandrini relayed areas where last year's paving needs to be repaired by the contractor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Maule and supported by Schinderle to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer