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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Tomassoni, Maule, Revord, Blomquist & Clawson

Absent: Council Member Zemar

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to approve the minutes of August 23, 2021, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Purchase of City-Owned Property Re: Kwik Trip

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

One letter of support was received. No comment was received at the meeting.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consider Sale of City Owned Property Re: Kwik Trip

Stanchina presented the proposed Offer to Purchase between the City of Iron Mountain and Kwik Trip and stated that a developer's agreement would need to be approved, as required by the Offer to Purchase.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Offer to Purchase between the City of Iron Mountain and Kwik Trip, Inc. as presented, with the inclusion of the language "Offer is not accepted on or before September 10, 2021" in the second paragraph on page one and "BROKERAGE. Seller and Buyer respectively warrant to each other that no person provided services as a broker or finder with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby" as item number 11.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Award Re: 2021 Paving

Stanchina stated that the paving bid from Bacco Construction Co. was approximately \$80,000 over budget and that he did not expect the cost to decrease in the near future. He recommended that the 2021 annual paving be awarded to Bacco Construction Co. at a cost of \$465,995.00.

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It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to award the 2021 annual paving project to Bacco Construction Co. at a cost of \$465,995.00 with the Stanton Street paving being completed in 2021 and the remainder in the spring of 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

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

Stanchina explained that, due to retiree insurance opt-out payments being classified as a supplemental pension, the City must file a separate corrective action plan to address the unfunded liability. He estimated that the new annual contribution, per State corrective action, would be approximately \$239,000.00 per year.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to approve the Protection Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Corrective Action Plan application for a supplemental pension and the resolution named "Supplemental Pension Funding Policy and Action Plan," as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Establish a Public Hearing Date Re: Purchase of Police Vehicle via Rural Development

Stanchina indicated that the City had not purchased vehicles for the Police Department for several years and that the City has begun replacing aging units, beginning with the 2021 Dodge Durango that was recently received. He noted that Rural Development has approved the City's grant request sooner than expected and a public hearing must be held. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, indicated that it would be better to purchase a 2021 model while they are available in order to avoid the longer-than-average wait time for a 2022 model.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to hold a public hearing to allow for the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit vehicle via Rural Development on September 20, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Valve Installation Re: Well House

Stanchina relayed that a valve needs to be installed at the well house so that repair work could be performed on the chlorinators. He stated that the project is budgeted and Kleiman Well Drilling is the only contractor in the Upper Peninsula or Northern Wisconsin that performs this type of work.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to authorize Kleiman Well Drilling to insert a valve at the well house on the main between the chlorinators and the system at a cost of \$17,450.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Temporary Change to City Policy #67 Re: Water Billing Rules and Regulations

Stanchina conveyed that due to the moratorium on shutting off utilities, there are large balances due and that it would be best to allow payment plans to extend until March 31, 2022. He confirmed that significant progress has been made regarding delinquent utility bill collection. He communicated that approximately 355 accounts are delinquent at a cost of approximately \$72,000.00.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Blomquist to approve the proposed temporary change to City Policy #67, until March 31, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Kingsford High School Cross Country Meet Re: City Park Trails

Stanchina submitted a requested by the Kingsford Cross Country team to hold a meet from 1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at City Park on September 14, 2021. He imparted that there have not been issues in the past.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to approve the usage of the City Park trails by the Kingsford Cross Country team to hold a meet from 1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on September 14, 2021, including the use of a golf cart or ATV to host the event.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

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City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the status of the City's American Rescue Plan Act funds, that Michigan Works! will be holding an application drive by the downtown stage, that funding to dispose of 2,000 additional tires was approved by EGLE and on the status of the installation of sound-dampening vinyl at the pickleball courts.

Director of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, updated the City Council on the progress of the landscaping installation at the pickleball courts.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

None

Closed Session Re: Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to move into Closed Session at 6:44 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Closed session ended at 7:06 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to approve the tentative work agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #554 of Iron Mountain, Michigan, AFL-CIO, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer