

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*FEBRUARY 7, 2022

City of Iron Mountain

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Zemar

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Joint Sewage Board Appointment Re: Mr. Jim Petroff" be added as item ten under New Business. It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Maule and supported by Farragh to approve the minutes of January 17, 2022, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Shop Floor Drain Repair

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Terrazzo Creations & Renewal \$6,631.17

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to award the Department of Public Works' truck shop floor repair project to Terrazzo Creations & Renewal at a cost of \$6,631.17, pending specifications are met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: Three Quarter Ton Truck for the Cemetery

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Era Chevrolet, Inc.	2022	2500 – 4x4	\$33,078
Era Chevrolet, Inc.	2022	3500 - 4x4	\$34,213
Riverside Auto & Truck Sales of Iron Mountain, Inc.	2022	3500 – 4x4	\$44,691
Town & Country Sales Co.	2022	3500 – 4x2	\$36,200
Town & Country Sales Co.	2022	3500 – 4x4	\$39,100
Town & Country Sales Co.	2022	2500 – 4x4	\$36,275

Stanchina noted that he and the Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, will review the bids. Stanchina indicated that the 2022 MiDEAL price for a ¾ Ton Chevrolet Pickup is \$26,700.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to refer the bids to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Bid Opening Re: Public Works Lawn Mower

Stanchina opened the following bids:

U.P. Kubota	Gas – Side Discharge Only	\$7,720.57
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Thomas imparted that it would be better to not award the current bid without further review. He suggested that it may be preferable to consider other grades of mower options given the current selection. Thomas confirmed that lack of availability at the dealer level is the biggest procurement issue.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to refer the bid to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: Trailer Mounted Heated Pressure Washer with Culvert Jetter Hose

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Technology International, Inc.	Alkota 5355J	\$18,450.00
Champion Charter Sales & Service	Landa	\$21,299.01
Midway Rentals & Sales	Landa	\$20,510.08

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Farragh to refer the bids to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Well#4 Motor Replacement

Stanchina conveyed that the motor for the City’s well #4 needs to be replaced. He explained that at this time there are only two replacement motors available in the country and that the total cost of having Kleiman Pump and Well Drilling, as the sole source provider, perform the project would not exceed \$29,799.37.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to approve the Well #4 motor replacement by Kleiman Pump and Well Drilling at a cost not to exceed \$29,799.37.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consider Adult Use Grower Class C Address Change Re: Smoke U.P. Farms

Stanchina recommended that the Class C Grower license for Smoke U.P. Farms be transferred from 619 Circle Drive to 1804 N. Stephenson Avenue.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the transfer of Smoke U.P. Farms’ Class C Grower license from 619 Circle Drive to 1804 N. Stephenson Avenue.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Millie Hill, Grant St. and Pine Mountain Telemetry Upgrades

Stanchina reported that the City’s PLC and radio hardware was damaged by lightening in December and must be replaced. He relayed that \$17,605.38 of the \$20,005.38 project will most likely be covered by insurance.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to authorize PJ Kortens to replace the City’s damaged PLC and radio hardware, as submitted, at an estimated cost of \$20,005.38.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amend Policy #54 Re: Seasonal Wage Rate

Stanchina reviewed the proposed wage rate schedule. He explained that the goal of the increased wages is to attract and retain summer help. Clawson, Alessandrini & Maule expressed the opinion that the wage increases are not sufficient. It was concluded that the wage rate could be increased in the future if the need arises. The amendments are shown below:

	New	Current
New hire	\$ 13.25	\$11.12
Year 2	\$ 13.75	\$11.62
Year 3	\$ 14.25	\$12.12
Year 4	\$ 14.75	\$12.37

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A "Year" of work will be applied to those that have worked at least 320 hours (Yr. 2 321 +, Yr. 3 641 +, Yr. 4 961 +) in previous years. If short of the hour threshold for the year, a returning employee can achieve the higher wage rate once the hours have been achieved but cannot advance a year based on hours.

*An additional \$1.00 per hour, per tier, for additional duties above and beyond regular "seasonal duties" as determined by the DPW Supervisor.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to amend City Policy #54, Seasonal Wage Rate, as submitted.
Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Lease Renewal Agreement Re: Interlink Computers Technology

Stanchina outlined the renegotiated lease.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve the renegotiated lease with Interlink Computers Technology, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Lease Renewal Agreement Re: Northside TV Corp.

Stanchina presented the amended Northside TV Corp tower lease renewal. Pirkola verified that all the renegotiated tower leases are a continuation of the previous terms.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to renew the tower lease with Northside TV Corp., as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to add "Approval of Lease Agreement Re: AMC Partners, LLC" as item 6.5 under New Business.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Lease Agreement Re: AMC Partners, LLC.

Stanchina submitted a tower lease agreement with AMC Partners, LLC that was a continuation of the tower lease held by Sovereign Communications for Council approval. Pirkola stated that the term of the lease was not altered, with the exception of the base rent and lease term. The amendments are shown below:

A parcel of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Forty (40) North, Range Thirty (30) West, City of Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bar which by true bearing is 1094.0 feet East and 1701.4 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section Thirty-two (32), thence South 73 degrees, 50 minutes, 20 seconds, West 100 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 73 degrees, 50 minutes, 20 seconds, West 100 feet; thence South 16 degrees, 09 minutes, 40 seconds East 100 feet; thence North 73 degrees, 50 minutes, 20 seconds East 100 feet; thence North 16 degrees, 09 minutes, 40 seconds West 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel contains 0.23 acres, more or less.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the tower lease between the City of Iron Mountain and AMC Partners LLC that covers the above legal descriptions.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

A parcel of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Forty (40) North, Range Thirty (30) West, City of Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at point which is 650 feet North and 425 feet West of the Southeast corner of said forty; thence North 100 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence East 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel contains 0.23 acres, more or less.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the tower lease between the City of Iron Mountain and AMC Partners LLC that covers the above legal descriptions.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Planning Commission Appointment Re: Mr. Larry Walker

Stanchina detailed the letter of interest by Mr. Larry Walker to join the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Maule to appoint Mr. Larry Walker to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on May 19, 2023.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Board of Review Appointment Re: Mr. David Santi

Stanchina noted that Mr. David Santi has been a long-standing board member.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to appoint Mr. David Santi to the Board of Review for a term to expire on January 1, 2025

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

IM Housing Commission Appointment Re: Mr. Walter Lakari

Stanchina Stated that Mr. Walter Lakari is currently a member on the Iron Mountain Housing Commission.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to appoint Mr. Walter Lakari to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission for a term to expire on January 9, 2026.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Joint Sewage Board Appointment Re: Mr. Jim Petroff

Stanchina highlighted Mr. Jim Petroff's knowledge of the treatment process. He confirmed that Mr. Petroff does not have to be a resident to serve on the Joint Sewage Board.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Tomassoni to appoint Mr. Jim Petroff to the Joint Sewage Board for a term to expire on February 3, 2026.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported on the details of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant opportunity and how it could benefit the city.

He verified that the City's annual deer management program has been completed and that the budget process has begun.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina asserted that the Infrastructure Committee needs to meet to discuss the upgrading of street lights.

Public Comment

Tracy Asunuma - 613 Walker St.

Asunuma communicated that it would be beneficial for the city to hold an open house for upcoming political Candidates and educate them on our communities needs.

Council Member Privilege

Maule expressed her enjoyment of the Olympics.

Clawson raised the issue that the local Charter Communications office is no longer open. Stanchina asserted that State of Michigan law does not permit the City of Iron Mountain to require Charter to have a local office.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer