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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Tomassoni to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Dan Kreider – Superior Selections Owner

Kreider asked that the City Council consider allowing an additional dispensary license. He noted the difficulty they are having selling their product locally.

Sam Bowen – Superior Selection's Director of Operations

Bowen expressed his desire to educate the public on how to determine quality cannabis through Superior Selections being issued a dispensary license.

Milan Kluko – Superior Selection's Consultant

Kluko imparted that Superior Selections needs vertical integration, especially local sales, in order to expand.

Old Business

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

Stanchina recommended the purchase of the trailer mounted heated pressure washer with culvert jetter hose from Midway Rental at cost of \$20,510.08. He voiced the opinion that it was better to purchase the local unit due to the non-local units cost and duration for warranty work. Alessandrini supported the purchase of the local unit.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the purchase of a trailer mounted heated pressure washer with culvert jetter hose from Midway Rental at cost of \$20,510.08.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjustment to the Previous Telemetry Upgrades for Millie Hill, Grant St. and Pine Mountain

Stanchina explained that the previous quote for telemetry upgrades at Millie Hill, Grant Street and Pine Mountain needs to be increased by \$878.75 due to the inclusion of an additional switch and increased labor rate.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Farragh to amend the approved cost of telemetry upgrades for Millie Hill, Grant Street and Pine Mountain to \$18,404.13.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Consideration of LED Street Light Conversion

Stanchina detailed the scope, costs and benefits of updating the city's street lights to LEDs. He conveyed that possible rebates are available through Efficiency United. He verified that once the LED light upgrade is complete, all future fixture replacement is included in the rate structure.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize the mayor to sign documents related to the proposed LED street light conversion, including a \$137,320 upfront charge, pending document review by the City Attorney.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: IM-K Community Schools

Stanchina presented a request to contribute \$2,000.00 to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community School's 2022 summer recreation programs. He relayed that the City does not fund its own parks and recreation program.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to contribute \$2,000 to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community School's 2022 summer recreation program, contingent upon the program not being cancelled.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorize Solicitation of Two-Year Audit Proposals

Stanchina stated that the City Charter requires financial audit proposals to be solicited every two years.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to solicit bids for financial audit services with proposals to be due by 4:00 P.M. on March 21, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Set Public Hearing Re: Amend Chapter 74, Zoning, Article VI, Off-Street Parking and Loading Zone Requirements Section 483(3)(i)

Stanchina reviewed the amendment to City Ordinance Section 483(3)(i). He indicated that the goal of the amendment is to reduce the required number of parking spaces for a "drive-in restaurant" so that it better aligns with that of a "sit-down restaurant". Blomquist imparted that each franchise knows how much parking they need to be successful. Alessandrini supported removing parking regulations.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to set a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment of Chapter 74, Zoning, Article VI, Off-Street Parking and Loading Zone Requirements Section 483(3)(i) at 6:00 P.M. on March 21, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Change Order #2 Re: W. C St. Project

Stanchina reviewed Change Order #2 for the W. C St. Project; including additional curb and gutter installation and late inspection penalties. He indicated that approving the change order would increase project costs by a total of \$4,145.30.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve Change Order #2 at an increased cost of \$4,145.30.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Final Payment Application for Hebert Construction Re: W. C St. Project

Stanchina detailed the final payment due to Hebert Construction in the amount of \$14,145.30. He stated that the project was completed at a cost of \$1,386,451.80, \$8,827.41 below budget.

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Maule to approve a final payment in the amount of \$14,145.30 to Hebert Construction for the W. C St. Project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request for Parking Lot Entrance Closure Re: FNB Shred Fest

Stanchina outlined a plan by the First National Bank & Trust (FNB) to utilize the City Parking lot adjacent to the Out to Lunch stage area for a free community document shredding event. He conveyed that FNB would like permission to close the Hughitt Street entrance to the parking lot for their event on May 21, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Farragh to approve the closure of the Hughitt Street entrance to the City parking lot adjacent to the Out to Lunch stage area for a free community document shredding event to be held by First National Bank & Trust on May 21, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

January Payroll and 1/13/2022-02/16/2022 Claims

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Farragh to approve Payroll in the amount of \$391,921.95 and Claims in the amount of \$1,785,765.67 with net claims being \$454,328.30.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Quarterly Financial Report Fourth Quarter of FY 2020-21

No comment was received.

Quarterly Financial Report First Quarter of FY 2021-22

Lieburn relayed that a new fund was created for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$382,511.00. She noted that the second half of the funds due to the City are expected to arrive late summer.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to place the Quarterly Financial Report Fourth Quarter of FY 2020-21 and Quarterly Financial Report First Quarter of FY 2021-22 on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported that more time is required to evaluate another method of purchasing a lawnmower for the Cemetery, bird Scooter is requesting a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding to operate in the City and City staff is researching the viability and potential cost savings of utilizing Medicare Advantage for retirees that are in excess of 65 years old.

Stanchina verified that the city could switch retirees off Medicare Advantage if the rates increased significantly.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Infrastructure Committee had met to discuss street lights.

Public Comment

John Trester-707 Park Ave.

Trester requested that the new LED street light heads point downward for dark-sky preservation.

Council Member Privilege

Blomquist suggested that the City should not test for marijuana now that it is legal in Michigan. Stanchina relayed that behavioral enforcement is preferable to any point in time testing. Blomquist clarified that if a City of Iron Mountain position requires a CDL license and does not exclude individuals from employment due to a positive marijuana test, employees would still need to meet the State of Michigan requirements regarding marijuana testing. Stanchina indicated that he would look further into this matter.

Alessandrini voiced his appreciation for the quick response time and medical services offered by the Iron Mountain Fire Department.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer