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

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Tomassoni, Farragh, Blomquist, Zemar, and Clawson

Absent: Council Member Maule

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, City Attorney Pirkola, and Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Consideration of Commercial Service Agreement Re: Guardian Pest Solutions" be added as item six under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to approve the minutes of March 7, 2022, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Special Presentation

Resolution of Recognition Re: Retirement of Mark Drago

Alessandrini read Iron Mountain Fire Department Captain Mark Drago's retirement resolution into the record.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Tomassoni to approve the resolution of recognition for Mark Drago's retirement, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Hearing

Industrial Facilities Exemption Re: Boss Snowplow

Alessandrini opened the public hearing.

No Comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

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

Alessandrini opened the public hearing.

No Comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

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Old Business

Consider Industrial Facilities Exemption Re: Boss Snowplow

Stanchina detailed Boss Snowplow’s Application of Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for a 15,500 sq. ft. office space addition that would create 12 jobs within two years. He stated that per City policy, the project would be eligible for a 12-year tax abatement.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve Boss Snowplow’s Application of Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for a twelve-year tax abatement on their office space addition, contingent upon the completion of an IFE Agreement/Abatement Contract Between the City of Iron Mountain and Boss Snowplow- A Division of Toro Company.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consider Amending Chapter 74, Zoning Article VI, Off-Street Parking and Loading Zone Requirements Section 483(3)(i)

Stanchina reviewed the zoning amendment to City Ordinance Section 74-483(3)(i) and its intent to reduce the number of drive-in restaurant parking requirements. He indicated that the purpose of the amendment was to create consistency in the parking code and reduce barriers to future development.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to amend Chapter 74, Zoning Article VI, Off-Street Parking and Loading Zone Requirements Section 483(3)(i), as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Special Use Permit Re: Billie’s Yogurt Shop, 406 East Grand Blvd.

Stanchina presented a Special Use Permit request by Billies Yogurt Shop at 406 East Grand Blvd. to operate a drive-in and fast-food restaurant, with a drive thru, at 406 E. Grand Boulevard. He imparted that the site meets all the City’s ordinance requirements except lot size, which is met by a Zoning Board of Appeals variance. Stanchina verified that the parking areas must be paved within one year.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve a Special Use Permit for Billies Yogurt Shop at 406 East Grand Blvd. to operate a drive-in and fast-food restaurant.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Proposal Opening for Two-Year Audit

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	6/30/22 Audit	6/30/23 Audit	Single Audit
Gabridge & Company, PLC - Grand Rapids, MI	\$22,140.00	\$22,500.00	\$4,000.00
CliftonLarsonAllen – Iron Mountain, MI	\$22,800.00	\$23,400.00	\$5,000.00

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Postage Machine Agreement Re: Pitney Bowes

Stanchina asserted that a new postage machine agreement needs to be signed and that the cost is \$217.92.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve a postage machine lease agreement for City Hall, for a duration of five years, between Pitney Bowes and the City of Iron Mountain for account number 0012627483 at a cost of \$217.92 quarterly.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amend Request for Parking Lot Closure Re: FNB Shred Fest

Stanchina informed the Council that due to a scheduling conflict the First National Bank Shred Fest will need to be rescheduled from May 21, 2022, to May 14, 2022. He relayed that the start time, duration and location would remain the same.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to rescind 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. and reschedule it for May 14, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of FY2022 Membership Dues Re: CUPPAD

Stanchina outlined the benefits of belonging to the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD).

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the 2022 dues to the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission in the amount of \$1,525.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Commercial Service Agreement Re: Guardian Pest Solutions

Stanchina submitted a Commercial Service Agreement between the City and Guardian Pest Solutions to perform annual maintenance at the Police Department facility.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Zemar to approve the proposed Commercial Service Agreement between the City and Guardian Pest Solutions to maintain 111 E. Fleshiem Street in the amount of \$920.00 for 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

February Payroll and 2/17/2022-03/17/2022 Claims

Stanchina highlighted that the overtime is high due to an injured police officer and a pregnancy-related light duty in the Fire Department.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Farragh to approve Payroll in the amount of \$363,625.36 and Claims in the amount of \$1,808,776.85 with net claims being \$844,637.62.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Quarterly Financial Report Second Quarter of FY 2021-22

Lieburn presented the Quarterly Financial Report Second Quarter of FY 2021-22. She reported that the overtime in the Police and Fire Departments was high and that the revenue the City receives from marijuana excise time will be put toward health insurance funding.

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported that it would not be fiscally advantageous for the City to switch to Medicare Advantage health insurance and garbage collection will be collected street-side between March 21st and May 8th.

Alessandrini expressed an interest in offering a Zoom meeting option to view City Council meetings.

Blomquist raised the issue of switching to side-loading garbage collection.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Alessandrini detailed the March Dickinson County Construction Code Commission meeting.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer