

# *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Tuesday, July 5, 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

## **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2022, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Charter Amendment Ballot Proposal Re: City Charter VII.-Administrative Services, Sec. 7.11, Civil Service**

Stanchina reviewed the revised charter amendment ballot proposal for City Charter Sec. 7.11, regarding civil service, as advised by the Michigan Attorney General's office.

4. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the following form,

to wit:

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7.11 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN

Section 7.11 (Civil Service) applies to all employees of the city other than elected officers, appointed administrative officers, firefighters, and police officers. The proposed amendment provides that this section shall not apply to "entry level employees."

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

[YES]

[NO]

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to approve the revised charter amendment, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Charter Amendment Ballot Proposal Re: Sec. 4.10 – Compensation for Councilmen**

Stanchina stated that this topic is being revisited due to insufficient attendance at the last regular City Council meeting to pass the motion.

4. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the following form,

to wit:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.10 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN

Section 4.10 currently provides that city council members receive \$10 per meeting up to a maximum \$500 in total remuneration per year. It is proposed that this section be amended to provide that, city council members receive \$30 per meeting up to a maximum of \$1,500 in total remuneration per year. This would be effective on January 1, 2015.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

[YES]

[NO]

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the proposed charter amendment of Section 4.10, Compensation for Councilmen.

Tomassoni	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Farragh	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Clawson	Nay

**Motion Prevailed** (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

**New Business**

**Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Municipal Water Tank Inspections**

Stanchina noted that the interior and exterior of municipal water tanks need to be inspected per the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy every five years.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Blomquist to authorize the solicitation of bids to inspect the interior and exterior of the City's municipal water tanks.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Set a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 74, Article IV, Special Provisions Re: Sec. 74-419 Fences, Walls and Screens (2) Restrictions B**

Stanchina indicated that while researching a fence-related property dispute, it was determined by the City Attorney that the City's ordinance requiring a one-foot boundary line set back is not enforceable. He clarified that this amendment would not affect the required set back from the right-of-way. The amendment is shown below:

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CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN  
CHAPTER 74, ZONING  
ARTICLE IV, SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
SECTION 419(2)(b)

The City of Iron Mountain hereby ordains the following amendment to Chapter 74, Article IV, Section 419 (2)(b).

That Section 419(2)(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iron Mountain, Michigan is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 74-419(2)(b). Fences, walls and screens.**

b. A fence, wall or screen shall be erected at least one foot from the property line ~~entirely on private property~~ of the requestor and parallel to the property line unless the abutting property owner consents in writing to erecting the fence, wall or screen on the property line. However, no fence; wall or screen shall be constructed nearer than five feet to any public street or alley right-of-way; provided, however, that ornamental and decorative wood or metal fences that are not in excess of 60 percent solid or opaque, and retaining walls or screens that do not exceed four feet in height may be erected on the lot lines of the front and side yards in residential districts adjacent to any public street or alley right-of-way provided the design has been approved by the zoning administrator.

The entire Chapter 74, Article IV, Section 419 are available for public inspection at City Hall during regular business hours.

Effective date: This Ordinance shall become effective in the City of Iron Mountain 30 days following adoption by the City Council.

Passed: August 1, 2022  
Published: July 11, 2022  
Effective: September 1, 2022

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Isaac Micheau  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Dale Alessandrini  
Mayor

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to set a public hearing for August 1, 2022, to consider an amendment to Chapter 74, Article IV, Section 74-419(2)(B), Fences, Walls, and Screens.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Reimbursement for Replacement of City Infrastructure Re: Ice Cream Barn**

Stanchina presented a reimbursement in the amount of \$7,500.00 to replace curb in front of the Ice Cream Barn development. He conveyed that he had agreed to this reimbursement previously when he thought it would not exceed \$5,000.00. Stanchina highlighted that the increased cost is reasonable given the current construction environment.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Farragh to authorize that the Ice Cream Barn be reimbursed \$7,500.00 for the replacement of City infrastructure.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Letter of Understanding Re: Iron Mountain Police Officer Association (IMPOA)**

Stanchina presented a letter of understanding to address senior officers being forced to work undesirable overtime under the equalized overtime system. He imparted that there is not an immediate pension spiking concern. Stanchina verified that this letter would sunset in two years.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Iron Mountain and the IMPOA regarding a switch from equalized overtime to seniority-based overtime.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Admission Fee for City Park Re: July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the Park**

Alessandrini relayed that additional help at the Saturday in the Park event would be appreciated. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to authorize an admission fee for City Park on July 15, 2022, and July 16, 2022, for the Saturday in the Park Event.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Re: Henry Badini**

Stanchina conveyed that Henry Badini currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals and that he recommended his reappointment. It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to appoint Henry Badini to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 20, 2025.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Joshua Isaac**

Stanchina informed the Council that Joshua Isaac has expressed interest in serving on the Tree Board. He indicated that Isaac is a city resident and the Dickinson-Iron Conservation District's District Forester. It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Farragh to appoint Joshua Isaac to the Tree Board for a term to expire on November 16, 2024.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Re: Tom Healy**

Stanchina imparted that Tom Healy is a current Zoning Board of Appeals member and that he wishes to continue serving. It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to appoint Tom Healy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 20, 2025.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

None

**City Manager Reports**

The City Manager reported the following:

1. The Department of Public Works brush pile will be chipped up and removed this week.
2. The State will be paying the City's MERS pension up to 60% funded.
3. Gas lines are being installed on the Lake Antoine Rd. with the potential for traffic delays.
4. The pickleball courts have not been problematic this year.

Stanchina outlined the cost and manner by which an automated garbage program could be offered. He clarified that the cost to the consumer would not increase and that alleyway damage could be reduced. Farragh questioned whether or not there is an opt out option and what that cost would be. Blomquist asked if there were any streets that would not accommodate automated pickup and require alley use. Zemar, Blomquist, Clawson and Farragh expressed support for researching this idea further. Farragh asked if pick-up locations would change for homes located on a corner and how one-way streets would be collected. It was agreed that Stanchina would research this project further.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

Stanchina explained that the Ordinance Review Committee will need to meet again at another time as the City Attorney was not available.

**Public Comment**

None

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**Council Member Privilege**

Tomassoni communicated that she received feedback that chickens are being kept in town. Stanchina explained that outside of the Michigan Right to Farm Act allowing agricultural activities, they are prohibited.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

  
Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED