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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina and Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Municipal Water Tank Inspections

Firm	Amount
KLM Engineering - Woodbury, MN	\$9,000.00
Dixon Engineering – Lake Odessa, MI	\$14,550.00 (\$4,850.00 each)

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Confirmation of Appointment Re: Assessor Abbey Taylor

Stanchina outlined the advertising process the assessing position underwent and the advantages of hiring a full-time position over retaining an independent contractor. He highlighted Taylor's attributes that would benefit the position, particularly potential longevity in the position. Stanchina indicated that the position would be paid based on the current Administrative Salary Step Schedule. He recommended that Taylor be immediately awarded three personal days due to prior engagements. Stanchina verified that Taylor was the sole applicant for the position, other duties would potentially be assigned over time, and that she will have her full certification by March, 2023. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to appoint Abbey Taylor to the position of City Assessor at step one of the Administrative Salary Step Schedule, \$57,540/year, with the immediate issuance of three personal leave days.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Portable 800mhz Radios Re: Police Department

Stanchina presented a request to purchase two 800mhz radios for the Police Department at a cost of \$10,920.20. He conveyed that Motorola Solutions is a sole source provider for this product and that the use of this type of radio is required.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to approve the purchase of two 800mhz radios for the Police Department from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$10,920.20.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Sign Installation at City Park Re: WRISC PlayCleanGo Bootbrush

Stanchina reviewed a request from the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition to install a PlayCleanGo bootbrush station at City Park in an effort to stop the spread of invasive species.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to approve the installation of a PlayCleanGo bootbrush station at City Park.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Street Closure Re: FNB 135th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Cookout

Stanchina submitted a request by First National Bank & Trust to block Ludington Street access from U.S. 2 and the alley between the bank and Carlos Cantina on August 19, 2022, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM to accommodate a 135th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Cookout.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the closure of Ludington Street from U.S. 2 and the alley between the bank and Carlos Cantina on August 19, 2022, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM to accommodate First National Bank & Trust's 135th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Cookout.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

June Payroll and 6/16/2022-07/13/2022 Claims

Stanchina imparted that regular pay was down in the Police Department and overtime pay was up due to staff vacancies, resulting in a half-time wage expense increase. He explained that the Fire Department is down one position due to a pending grant award. Stanchina suggested an incentive program to recruit part-time firefighters.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve payroll in the amount of \$373,650.51 and claims in the amount of \$522,467.40 with net claims being \$336,207.14.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported the following:

1. The Iron Mountain and Kingsford Football teams helped to removed flags from the cemetery.
2. Road construction has begun on the unimproved portion of Kramer Drive.
3. The pavilion on the Millie Hill Bat Cave Trail will not become a patio due to structural issues.
4. A Special City Council meeting will be held on July 25, 2022, to discuss the move to automated garbage pickup.
5. Brush chipping is nearly completed at the Department of Public Works facility drop off.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule noted that the ballot language in the July 5, 2022, minutes needs to be corrected regarding councilman compensation ballot language stating 2015 instead of 2023.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to amend the July 5, 2022, minutes regarding councilman compensation ballot language to state 2023 instead of 2015.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Maule stated that the Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament went well. Alessandrini imparted that more teams would have played if there was not a shortage of hotel rooms.

Maule commended the Iron Mountain and Kingsford football teams for their help at the cemetery.

Alessandrini thanked the Department of Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department for their help at Saturday in the Park. He estimated a profit of \$18,000.00. Alessandrini confirmed that the Gus Macker event helped Saturday in the Park. Alessandrini stressed the need for additional volunteers.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED