

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*August 1, 2022

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Maule and Zemar

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

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 Tomassoni to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2022, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Tomassoni to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 25, 2022, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Amend Chapter 74, Article IV, Special Provisions Re: Sec. 74-419 Fences, walls and screens (2) Restrictions (B)

Alessandrini opened the public comment.

Ryan Raiche – 601 E. E St.

Raiche expressed concern that allowing fences to be almost on the property line could lead to enforcement by property owners and a lack of space to maintain fences. He suggested that surveys be required when constructing a fence and that allowances should be made for adjoining buildings.

Andy Lancour – 940 Sunset Dr.

Lancour imparted that the current fence setback protects against property disputes and that reducing it could lead to maintenance issues.

Leann Lancour – 940 Sunset Dr./720 Carpenter Ave.

Lancour highlighted her current fence dispute with her neighbor and questioned how the City's five-foot setback was more important than the adjoining property owners one foot setback.

Ricky Parron – 720 Carpenter Ave.

Parron raised safety and maintenance concerns with a reduced setback.

Rick Gingras – 724 Carpenter Ave.

Gingras supported leaving the setback at one-foot due to trespass issues. He questioned the current size of the Sunset Drive cul-de-sac.

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Ted Paquin – 3160 Moon Lake Dr.

Paquin relayed his support of the current one-foot setback.

Clement Gingras – 1884 Marys Way, Kingsford

Gingras indicated his support for the current fence setback and increased enforcement of regulations.

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

Stanchina clarified the genesis of the fence amendment. Pirkola stated that the current regulation of one foot is already too little to maintain a fence without trespassing. Stanchina noted that the requestor of the fence has the right to use their property as they want. Blomquist conveyed that the current fence related-issues would happen with the current setback or the proposed one. Alessandrini raised the possibility of damage to a fence if the neighbor maintained the property within the fence's setback. Stanchina verified that if a neighbor uses a boundary line fence, they must maintain it. Blomquist and Alessandrini concluded that both setbacks result in the same outcome and that the majority of the issues discussed in the public hearing are related to ordinance compliance/enforcement. Pirkola communicated that the current fence setback could create a two-foot wide no man's land between boundary line fences. Tomassoni conveyed that the property owner should be able to determine how to use their property.

Old Business

Amend Chapter 74, Article IV, Special Provisions Re: Sec. 74-419 Fences, walls and screens (2) Restrictions (B)

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed amendment to Chapter 74, Article IV, Special Provisions Re: Sec. 74-419 Fences, walls and screens (2) Restrictions (B).

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Award Re: Municipal Water Tank Inspections

Stanchina indicated that two bids were received and that KLM Engineering should be awarded the project with a bid of \$9,000.00.

It was move by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to award the Municipal Water Tank Inspection project to KLM Engineering at a cost of \$9,000.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Part-time Firefighter Incentive

Stanchina outlined an incentive program aimed to aid in the recruitment of part-time firefighters. Alessandrini supported the program. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, explained that there is a pool of Firefighter 1 Certified people that may be incentivized into earning a Firefighter 2 Certification.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize the City Manager to discuss the implementation of the proposed part-time firefighter incentive program with the bargaining units.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Fence Repairs

Stanchina detailed several fence repairs that need to be completed on City-owned fences. He noted that \$3,104.34 of the cost would be reimbursed due to fencing that was damaged via car accident. Alessandrini stated that the Friends of City Park would pay to repair the fencing at the deer pen enclosure, approximately \$1,240.56.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to approve Delta Fence and Construction to repair City fences, as presented, in the amount of \$6,503.04.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorize Solicitation of Bids Re: 500 S. Tamarack St. Sewer Repair

Stanchina explained that a sink hole had formed near 500 S. Tamarack Street due to abandoned lateral connections and that the repair of the issues is out of the Departments of Public Works scope of work due to specialized equipment and safety. Department of Public Works Supervisor Scott Thomas asserted that slip lining the pipe was not an available option.

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It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Clawson to authorize the solicitation of bids for sewer repairs at 500 S. Tamarack Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Parking Lot Closure Re: Pumpkin Walk

Stanchina reviewed the parking lot closure request by the Iron Mountain Downtown Development Authority. He stated that the trunk or treat style event would not conflict with the event offered at the Marshfield Clinic.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize the closure of the City parking lot at the southwest corner of East Hughitt Street and Iron Mountain Street for the Pumpkin Walk event from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on October 29, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported the following:

1. The Kramer Drive paving project has been completed.
2. Provided an update on the EGLE infrastructure funding program.
3. Recapped the areas of concern, as noted at the July 25, 2022, Special City Council meeting, regarding a potential garbage collection conversion.
4. Updated the City Council on the sink hole located in the Police Department parking lot.

Blomquist relayed that assistance would be available for disable and elderly residents with the proposed change in garbage collection.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Ryan Raiche – 601 E. E St.

Raiche communicated his desire for improved code enforcement and survey requirements at the time a fence is constructed.

Council Member Privilege

Clawson asserted that the newly paved portion of Kramer Drive is very nice, ~~even if it cost the City a \$100,000 donation by the County.~~

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer