

## *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, August 15, 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 (via Phone), City Attorney Pirkola, and Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

### **Approval of Agenda**

Alessandrini asked that "Approval of Payment Re: Kleiman Well & Drilling, Inc." and "Letter of Understanding with Local 554, IAFF, AFL-CIO Re: Part-Time Firefighter Bonuses" be added as items nine and ten under New Business, respectively.

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Clawson stated that his Council Member privilege should be stated as "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."

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Tomassoni to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Old Business**

#### **Bid Opening Re: 500 S. Tamarack Street Sewer Repair**

Stanchina explained that an abandoned lateral at 500 S. Tamarack Street is causing a sink hole that is too complex for our capabilities and it must be repaired.

Lieburn opened the following bids:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bacco Construction Company	\$53,110.20

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to refer the bids to staff for review.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

#### **Approval of MDNR Trust Fund Development Project Agreement Re: Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System**

Stanchina outlined the Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System's project scope and approval process.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Farragh to approve the MDNR Trust Fund Development Project Agreement for the Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System grant, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Engineering Services for MDNR Trust Fund Grant Re: Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System**

Stanchina imparted that an engineer must sign off on the Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System project documents before the project is bid. He informed the City Council that the cost of engineering would be \$4,900.00. Stanchina estimated that construction on the trail project would begin next year.

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It was moved by Zemar and supported by Blomquist to approve the agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for engineering services on the Pewabic Hill Mountain Bike Trail System project at a cost of \$4,900.00, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Solicit Bids Re: 2022 Paving**

Stanchina indicated that the streets slated for payment are located in areas known to not have Lead Copper Rule issues and are in poor condition. He confirmed that North Milwaukee will be paved with Small Urban Funds in 2024.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Farragh to solicit bids for the 2022 paving project, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Amend Contingency Date and Closing Date Re: Kwik Trip Offer to Purchase**

Stanchina communicated that the contingency date and closing date for the offer to purchase the former Khoury property, that was purchased by Kwik Trip, is due to additionally required due diligence and sewer line relocation. It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve a two-month extension for the contingency date and closing date found in the original purchase agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and Kwik Trip, Inc. for the property located at 1010 N. Stephenson Avenue.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Lighting Agreement Re: Woods Sandstone Condo Association, Harry's, IM Daily News and FNB**

Stanchina reviewed the agreement to allow the installation of lights above the roadway on the 200 block of E. Ludington Street. He verified that the Woods Sandstone Condo Association approved the hanging of the lights, the City will pay the cost to operate the lights, the Downtown Development Authority will oversee the art selections, and the City will run the power.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Zemar to approve the Lighting Agreement Between The City of Iron Mountain and Woods Sandstone Condo Association, Harry's, Iron Mountain Daily News and First National Bank and Trust, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Authorization to Purchase Portable 800mhz Radios Re: Fire Department**

Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, noted that since joining MAVIS the Fire Department could utilize dual band 800mhz radios. He conveyed that the Deputy Director of Fire Services was able to secure a grant to fund the purchase of two radios at a cost of \$14,000.00.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to authorize the purchase of two portable 800mhz radios for the Fire Department.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Authorization for Overnight Travel Re: Fall UP Manager's Meeting**

Stanchina requested approval for overnight travel to attend the fall UP Manager's Meeting.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the City Manager for overnight travel from September 29, 2022, until September 30, 2022, to attend the fall UP Manager's Meeting.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program**

Stanchina stated that the proposed resolution and guidelines for the 2022 Deer Management Program are the same as last year.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the 2022 Resolution and Guidelines for the 2022 Deer Management Program.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Approval of Payment Re: Kleiman Well & Drilling, Inc.**

Stanchina relayed that the project was approved last fall and is now being billed upon its completion.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Tomassoni to approve the payment of invoice number 22-428 from Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. at a cost of \$33,113.51.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Letter of Understanding with Local 554, IAFF, AFL-CIO Re: Part-Time Firefighter Bonuses**

Stanchina noted that the proposed letter of understanding with the Local 554, IAFF, AFL-CIO regarding part-time Firefighter Bonuses reflects exactly what was discussed at the previous City Council meeting. Alessandrini stressed the need to reduce overtime expenses. Mattson asserted that the Bargaining Committee had the idea to offer hiring/training bonuses.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Iron Mountain and the Local 554, IAFF, AFL-CIO to offer part-time firefighter bonuses, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

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

Stanchina reported that the Police Department is fully staffed as of August 3, 2022. He relayed that overtime costs should drop as a result.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Farragh to approve payroll in the amount of \$451,866.99 and claims in the amount of \$3,453,857.22 with net claims being \$402,113.55.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **City Manager Reports**

The City Manager reported that Bird Scooters have opted to discontinue service within the City of Iron Mountain as of August 31, 2022, due to long-term financial viability.

Stanchina suggested that activity at the City's pickleball courts be limited from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM, via City Ordinance, due to noise issues in the early and late day. Alessandrini supported limiting the hours of play to 7:00 PM without an ordinance amendment for the time being. Mattson expressed the opinion that it would be preferable to limit hours of play through an ordinance amendment. Blomquist communicated that it would be preferable to allow play from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Stanchina indicated that snow blowing and lawn mowing can start at 8:00 AM. Alessandrini imparted that he could agree to an 8:00 PM closure, but not a 7:00 AM open. Clawson agreed that 7:00 AM is too early to open the pickleball courts. Maule raised the concern that people trying to play pickleball before work will have issues with an 8:00 AM open.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to move forward with the ordinance amendment process and post a sign that would limit the hours of operation for the pickleball courts to 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Tomassoni-Aye

Maule-Nay

Blomquist-Aye

Alessandrini-Aye

Farragh-Aye

Zemar-Nay

Clawson-Aye

**Motion Prevailed** (Aye-5, Nay-2, Abstain-0)

Stanchina verified that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be considering the installation of new Christmas lights.

Maule questioned if razing Varda's old building downtown to develop a parking lot would be an option to combat E. Ludington's parking problem.

Alessandrini observed that a significant amount of the historic district's buildings are being painted black.

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**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Clawson and Alessandrini supported allowing the Ice Cream Barn to bring in cows for Labor Day. Blomquist raised the issue that the current City ordinance does not allow for a temporary permit and that not issuing a permit could be selective enforcement. Pirkola confirmed that the ordinance has not been enforced in the past for temporary and occasional events in the past.

Alessandrini, Maule, and Farragh highlighted that the City Council did not kick out Bird Scooters.

Tomassoni notified the Council of a low water pressure issue at Hulst Manor and that the facility is expecting a HUD inspection next month. Stanchina verified that that Water Department is addressing this concern.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer