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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Tuesday, September 6, 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

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Blomquist to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 15, 2022, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Award Re: 500 S. Tamarack St. Sewer Repair

Stanchina recommended that the sewer repair at 500 S. Tamarack Street be award to Bacco Construction Co. at a cost of \$53,110.20. He imparted that the cost is high due to the high ground water table and the utilities being approximately seven feet deep. Stanchina confirmed that pavement restoration in including in the cost of the project.

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Maule to award the Tamarack Street Sewer Repair Project to Bacco Construction Co. at a cost of \$53,110.20.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: 2022 Paving

Stanchina opened the following bids:

<i>Company</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>	<i>Price/Ton</i>	<i>Completion Estimate</i>
Payne & Dolan	\$366,530	\$145	Schedule depends on weather
Bacco Construction CO.	\$325,765	\$107	Complete spring 2023 per weather

Maule conveyed that the portion of Millie Street adjacent to the Immaculate Conception Church needs to be repaved. Stanchina imparted that it would be preferable to do a larger stretch of Millie Street at one time.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Automated Garbage Discussion

Stanchina indicated that the next step in changing garbage collection methods would be to vote to move to automated collection or not as a long-term commitment. He stated that if the intention is to move forward, the next step would be to begin contract negotiations with GFL and an ordinance amendment regarding garbage can placement. Stanchina relayed that further research is needed regarding automated collection in areas with front yards that are difficult to navigate due to hilly topography. Farragh suggested that pick up for the affected homes

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could be moved to the alley entrance on the side street. Alessandrini supported the idea of adding recycling. Farragh and Maule asserted that the ability for the automated garbage trucks to fit down the alley needs to be answered before the process moves forward. Stanchina highlighted that there may need some adjustment by the resident regarding garbage collection. Tomassoni questioned what the homes on the 300 block of E. A do currently. Stanchina suggested that they may leave their cans at the street level and carry each bag down to the can as filled. Blomquist noted that some difficult situations will be made easier. Stanchina stated that many situations will not change. Blomquist and Maule asserted the opinion that now is the time to move forward with recycling. Alessandrini imparted that it would be best to move forward with the transition process while awaiting information on automated garbage collection for properties with hilly front yard topography. Farragh encouraged GFL to take the automated garbage truck down the alley to see if it will fit. Blomquist stressed the importance of getting a reliable estimate on tonnage reduction due to recycling.

No Action Taken

New Business

Introduce Amendment of Chapter 46, Article III Re: Pickleball Court Hours

Stanchina presented an amendment to Chapter 46, Article III, of the City Code of Ordinances regarding pickleball court hours.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on September 19, 2022, to consider the proposed amendment to Chapter 46, Article III, of the City Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-1, Abstain-1)

Authorize to Purchase Re: 32 LED 135w Street Light Fixtures

Stanchina detailed the proposed savings from switching the city-owned street light fixtures, 32 in total, to 135w LED fixtures. Farragh expressed the opinion that it would be better to use the 165 w LED fixtures over the 135w fixtures due the height they are installed. Blomquist indicated that the 165w bulbs over 10% more lumens than the 135w bulbs. Stanchina conveyed that the amount of rebate will be reduced as it is based on decreased energy usage. Alessandrini agreed that the higher watt bulb would be preferable and suggested that a test bulb be installed. Stanchina raised the question as to whether or not the larger bulb will mount on the light poles. It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the purchase of 32 165-watt LED light fixtures contingent upon the fixtures fitting the current light pole mounts.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution Re: Participation in Michigan Class

Stanchina communicated that participation in Michigan Class is preferable due to its good rate of return and high liquidity.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Blomquist to approve Resolution 2022-017 to approve Michigan Class as an approved investment option for City funds.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Kingsford High School Cross Country Meet Re: City Park Trails

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to authorize the utilization of the trail system in City Park for a cross country race on September 13, 2022, and allow the usage of a golf cart/ATV for the event.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Lease Agreement for Sewer Creek Right of Way Re: Richard Stafford, 1160 S. Carpenter Ave., Kingsford, MI

Stanchina reviewed the route the sewer creek follows.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the lease agreement for the Sewer Creek Right-of-Way located on the property of 1160 S. Carpenter Ave., Kingsford, MI 49802, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Lease Agreement for Sewer Creek Right of Way Re: Maranatha Assembly of God Church, 920 S. Carpenter Ave., Kingsford, MI

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Tomassoni to approve the lease agreement for the Sewer Creek Right-of-Way located on the property of 920 S. Carpenter Ave., Kingsford, MI 49802, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Board of Review Appointment Re: Robert Badini

Stanchina communicated that Robert Badini has submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Board of Review. He relayed that two additional long-term volunteers for the Board of Review have expressed an interest in discontinuing their service in the future.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to appoint Robert Badini to the Board of Review for a partial term to expire on January 1, 2025.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported the following:

1. The arial images that were taken in the spring need to be redone.
2. A mental health round table took place on August 24, 2022, to discuss increased access to services.
3. Niagara development is requesting an amendment to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Plan in order to take specific refuse from Resolute Forest Products.
4. The tax tribunal case with Dollar General would be better served by getting an appraisal.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule stressed the importance of repaving the portion of Mille Street adjacent to the Immaculate Conception Church. Stanchina verified that the portion of Millie Street in question is too bad to be spot patched.

Clawson asked what the status was on the amendments to the animal ordinance. Stanchina confirmed that work on that project has been stalled due to attorney and committee member availability.

Zemar expressed the desire for the City Council to discuss the expansion of marijuana dispensary licenses.

Alessandrini relayed his concern for the condition of the City's private frontage roads.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Isaac P. Micheau

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Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED