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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Tomassoni, Farragh, and Clawson

Absent: Council Members Maule, Blomquist, and Zemar

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, City Attorney Pirkola, and Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Farragh to approve the minutes of November 7, 2022, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Amending Chapter 50, Solid Waste

Alessandrini opened the public hearing.

Cecil Wickman – 850 E. E St.

Wickman expressed concern for the movement to street-side pickup due to topography issues. Stanchina explained that the ordinance in question does not specifically address the type of pickup, just the mechanism to collect it outside of the ordinance process. He confirmed that the garbage can be stored near the property's front yard.

Dan Niemi – 1001 River Ave.

Niemi questioned the time frame for implementation of automated pickup. Stanchina estimated that the change over would be the spring thaw. Clawson asked that a 65-gallon display can be placed at City Hall. Tomassoni suggested that the collection route be adjusted so that corner homes can be collected easier. Stanchina verified that he had considered adjusting routes.

Stanchina imparted that there is not currently a front yard garbage container regulation.

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Consider Amending Chapter 50, Solid Waste

The final amendment is shown below:

**CHAPTER 50, SOLID WASTE,
ARTICLE II, DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION,
SECTION 50-28, CONTAINER PLACEMENT**

**THE FOLLOWING IS AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 50,
SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE II, DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION,
SECTION 50-27 – CONTAINER TYPE & 50-28 – CONTAINER PLACEMENT**

That Chapter 50, Article II, Section 50-27 and Section 50-28, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iron Mountain, Michigan is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 50-27. - Container type.

~~Garbage, refuse, and rubbish, subject to section 50-29 below, must be placed in cylindrical plastic/metal garbage containers with handles, or any other hard shell containers that are approved by the City of Iron Mountain Department of Public Works. Any such containers shall not exceed a maximum volume of 32 gallons and shall not weigh more than 50 pounds when filled.~~

~~Any garbage, refuse and rubbish that exceeds the maximum capacity of the container utilized may not, at the discretion of the department of public works, be picked up for disposal. Any such container will be tagged by the department of public works with notification to the property owner stating the reason it was not picked up for disposal.~~

Garbage, refuse and rubbish collected by the City shall be placed in designated containers approved by the City council. Any garbage, refuse or rubbish placed in unauthorized containers will not be collected for disposal. The City council may, at its sole discretion, by resolution, amend, modify or change the method of collection and containers required.

Section 50-28 – Container Placement.

Such containers must have unobstructed access and must be placed adjacent to street or alley within three feet of pavement. If alley collection is not available in the judgment of the city because of refuse collection vehicle access limitations, then such garbage and refuse must be placed adjacent to the street. The area around container must be kept free of snow and debris for clear access from the alley or street. A written waiver of these requirements can be provided by the city manager for the city to individuals physically incapable of complying with this section.

All containers for garbage or refuse and recyclables shall be placed at the streetside no earlier than 24 hours prior to their collection day. Likewise, all garbage cans and recycling bins must be removed from the streetside within 24 hours of being collected and returned to a location adjacent to the residential structure, outside of the front yard as defined by City Ordinance Section 74-4, or within a fully enclosed building or garage.

* The entire Chapter 50, Article II, is available for public inspection at City Hall during regular business hours.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Farragh to approve the amendment to Chapter 50, Solid Waste, as proposed.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina indicated that the unrestricted fund balance is \$128,765.65. Lieburn noted that \$5,000.00 is held for a sign donation at City Park and \$6,615 is held for the Police Department K-9.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to place the General Fund Reserves on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amend Administrative Policy Manual Re: Add Section 9.14 Holiday Gift Card

Stanchina explained that the City's current policy is to give a \$20.00 gift card to current employees and Board/Commission members. He stated that the regular practice should be developed into a policy and be increased to \$25.00. Stanchina communicated that additional increases should be discussed in the budget process. A copy of the policy is shown below:

9.14 HOLIDAY GIFT CARD

During the first week of December, current employees and Board/Commission members, that are appointed by the City Council, shall receive a Holiday Gift Card in the amount of \$25. The City Manager will determine where the cards are purchased.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Tomassoni to adopt Administrative Policy Manual Section 9.14, Holiday Gift Card.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Kathleen Anderson

Stanchina recommended the re-appointment of Kathleen Anderson to the Tree Board.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to re-appoint Kathleen Anderson to the Tree Board for a three-year term to expire on 11/16/2025.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Police and Fire Civil Service Commission Appointment Re: Robert Jayne

Stanchina relayed his support for Jayne's reappointment.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to re-appoint Robert Jayne to the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission for a six-year term to expire on 11/17/2028.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Civil Service Commission Appointment Re: Steve Harris

Stanchina conveyed his support for Steve Harris' re-appointment and that the City Civil Service Commission will be a lot less busy due to the City's recent charter amendment passing.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to re-appoint Steve Harris to the City Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire on 11/17/2025.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

October Payroll and 10/14/2022-11/16/2022 Claims

Stanchina explained that overtime in the Police Department is primarily due to training and the Fire Department was primary due to low staffing.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Tomassoni to approve payroll in the amount of \$386,538.66 and claims in the amount of \$465,109.48 with net claims being \$386,084.68.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Quarterly Financial Report First Quarter of FY 2022-23

Lieburn attested that overtime in the Fire Department has increased due to staffing levels and that it will decrease in the future due to new staff.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to place the Quarterly Financial Report First Quarter of FY 2022-23 on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported the following:

1. Two of the City's surplus pickups are being auctioned at an estimated \$1,000 each.
2. 26 deer have been harvested through the annual deer management program.
3. Leaf collection concluded on November 16, 2022.
4. The Tax Commission Inflation Multiplier will be 7.9% and be capped at 5% by Headlee.
5. The Iron Mountain Public Schools applied for a School Resource Grant to cover a portion of the Resource Officer's costs.
6. The benefits of the amendment to City Charter Section 7.1 Civil Service.
7. Outlined a new MIDNR grant program called Spark to upgrade City Park playground equipment.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the Tamarack Street sewer project.

Farragh relayed a garbage can location question at 500 E. A Street.

City Attorney Reports

Stanchina asserted that the Interlink Computers tower lease needs to be adjusted.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Clawson reported on his attendance at the Upper Peninsula History Conference.


Alessandrini informed the Council that Lume Cannabis Co. donated to the Downtown Development Authority.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer