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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Zemar

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

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina asked that "Approval of Repair Re: Truck #83 Transfer Case" be added as item six under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Audit Presentation

Scott Sternhagen, CPA-CLA, representative of CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the Annual Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2022. He noted that the City has many leases, a stable General Fund and received an unmodified opinion. The Council discussed the funding level of the Water Capital and Sewer Capital funds.

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Maule to place the Annual Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2022, on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Set Public Hearing Re: Purchase of Police Vehicle via Rural Development

Stanchina reviewed the request to purchase a 2023 Dodge Charger Pursuit vehicle and related equipment. He informed the City Council that the cost of purchasing future squad vehicles is expected to increase due to only trucks and SUVs being available beginning 2023. Stanchina outlined how the grant is administered. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, indicated that he is researching options to minimize the cost of future squad vehicle purchases and will be developing a recommendation.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Clawson to set a public hearing to consider the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Charger Pursuit vehicle and related equipment via Rural Development Grant on February 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bid Re: Police Department Copier

Stanchina outlined the proposed solicitation of bids for a new Police Department copier. He explained that the rising cost of the current machine's maintenance contract is cost prohibitive.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize the solicitation of bids for a Police Department Copier, as proposed, with bids to be due by 4:00 P.M. on February 6, 2023.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Amend Administrative Policy Manual Re: 9.10 Hospitalization-Medical and Life Insurance

Stanchina relayed how the bargaining units have been granted an advancement on the second half of their HSA benefits prior to July 1st based on eligible medical expenses. He asked that the Administrative Policy Manual Section 9.10, Hospitalization-Medical and Life Insurance, be amended to offer the same option to the administrative employees.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual regarding Section 9.10, Hospitalization-Medical and Life Insurance.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

Stanchina recommended that the no-charge City Park Pavilion rental request by the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition for June 7, 2023, be granted.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to authorize a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental for the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition on June 7, 2023,

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Repair Re: Truck #83 Transfer Case

Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, communicated that truck #83 is not operation due to a bad transfer case. Stanchina stated that the cost of parts and labor to repair it will be \$14,125.67, with a reduction based on a core charge refund.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to authorize the repair of the transfer case on Truck #83 by Interstate Power Systems at a cost not to exceed \$14,125.67.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

December Payroll and 12/15/2022-01/11/2023 Claims

Mattson clarified that the Fire Department's overtime is high due to low staffing levels.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Farragh to approve payroll in the amount of \$465,310.94 and claims in the amount of \$1,269,203.84 with net claims being \$272,525.52.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Quarterly Financial Report Fourth Quarter of FY 2021-22

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to place the Quarterly Financial Report Fourth Quarter of FY 2021-22, on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported the following:

1. 54 deer have been harvested through the annual deer management program and he discussed the areas they were taken.
2. 31 LED street light conversions are complete and the project is being funded by ARPA funds.
3. Director of Police and Fire Services testing is being planned with subsequent transitions being reviewed.
4. The City has agreed that the Department of Public Works employees may work a 4 day, 10 hour schedule, based on a Monday or Friday off crew rotation.
5. Utility upgrade project progress for the development of the property south of Culver's
6. The former Burger King/Mobile site is having its gas tanks removed.

Stanchina and Micheau verified that electric car chargers would be regulated as an accessory structure.

Stanchina imparted that an amendment to the City's livestock ordinance will be presented to the Council soon and that a lawnmower purchase is being evaluated by the DPW Supervisor. Mattson detailed the current transition plan in the Police Department based on his upcoming retirement.

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City Attorney Reports

Alessandrini questioned the legality of stores selling glass pipes that are often used as illegal drug paraphernalia within the City. Pirkola conveyed that he would look into the legality of the items being sold.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini requested a moment of silence for Aaron Harper.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED