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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Stohl & Blomquist

Absent: Council Member Coe

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Blomquist to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2016

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Rezone between Fourth and Sixth, and Vulcan and Pewabic Streets

Stanchina presented the proposed rezoning of the properties between Fourth and Sixth, and Vulcan and Pewabic Streets from Business-1 to Residential-2.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Rick Makela – 416 4th St.

He stated that he was the proprietor of the North Stables Pub and that he objects to the rezoning on the basis that it will limit the future economic viability of his commercial property. Makela asserted that he has no intentions of reopening the facility as a tavern. He confirmed that he is residing on the same level as the former bar area. Alessandrini suggested that Makela could apply for a Special Use Permit in order to utilize the property for a commercial use.

Wonda Sherman – 407 4th St.

She communicated her concern for the former North Stables Pub reopening as a tavern in the future.

Pirkola indicated that despite the rezoning from Business-1 to Residential-2, the use must be abandoned for a bar to no longer be permitted at the former North Stables Pub facility.

Burt Juneau – 413 4th St.

He expressed the opinion that there is ample office space available in Iron Mountain and that the neighborhood is much nicer without the North Stables Pub operating.

Tonya Makela – 201 Harrison St., Kingsford, MI

She imparted that Mr. Makela is no longer interested in operating a tavern and that he is interested in developing a commercial space for a small business where the former bar was located.

Martin Senn – 413 4th St.

He detailed his negative experiences regarding the operation of the former North Stables Pub.

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Ron Balcerzak- 201 Harrison St., Kingsford, MI

He attested to Makela's intentions to not reopen the former North Stables Pub as a bar. Balcerzak stressed the importance of Makela retaining his ability to operate the facility for profit.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Property Located Between Fourth St and Sixth St., and Vulcan St. and Pewabic St.

Makela clarified that his liquor license is associated with 416 4th Street, the former North Stables Pub, and that the ground-floor residence adjacent to the bar area was not approved by the Liquor Control Commission. He noted that his liquor license is in escrow. He apologized for the manner in which the North Stables Pub had been operated.

The Council reviewed the options available for the property if the rezoning is approved. Blomquist raised the issue that 416 4th St. does not fit the typical neighborhood character and was not ideally zoned initially. Alessandrini reiterated that a Special Use Permit is always a consideration.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Blomquist to rezone the properties located between Fourth St and Sixth St., and Vulcan St. and Pewabic St. from Business-1 to Residential-2.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Opening Re: 1400 and 1500 W. Hughitt St. Project

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	Bid	Alt A	Alt B
FA Industrial Services, Inc. <i>Iron River, MI</i>	\$369,792.05	\$12,896	\$61,993
Gerou Excavating & Read Mix <i>Munising, MI</i>	\$321,300	\$6,580	\$43,620
Barley Trucking & Excavating <i>Menominee, MI</i>	\$328,171.60	\$11,776.21	\$48,155
Jake's Excavating & Landscaping <i>Iron Wood, MI</i>	\$287,509.75	\$11,645	\$46,085
Bacco Construction Co. <i>Iron Mountain, MI</i>	\$311,317.50	\$9,987	\$44,215
Gauthier Excavating LLC <i>Iron Mountain, MI</i>	\$320,474.65	\$13,295	\$64,775

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to refer the bids to staff and the Infrastructure Committee for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Two-Year Audit Proposals

Stanchina recommended that Anderson and Tackman be selected to perform the City's audit for the 2016 and 2017 Fiscal Years at a total annual cost of \$15,000 per year and a single audit cost of \$5,000. He explained that it is unlikely for the City to require a single audit and this should not prohibit selecting Anderson and Tackman over Schenck SC.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to accept Anderson Trackman's two-year audit proposal for the 2016 and 2017 Fiscal Years at an annual amount of \$15,000, with the option to perform a single audit at a cost of \$5,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Approval of Special Use Permit Re: Wender Mountain Properties, LLC (Edelweiss Coffee)

Stanchina reported that the Planning Commission is recommending the approval of the Special Use Permit for Wender Mountain Properties, LLC (Edelweiss Coffee), as presented. Blomquist informed the City Council that his architecture firm has created the renderings for Wender Mountain Properties, LLC and that he did not feel he stands to receive any financial gain from the Special Use Permit being approved.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to approve the Special Use Permit for Wender Mountain Properties, LLC, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: IM-K Community Schools

Stanchina presented a donation request in the amount of \$3,000 from the IM-K Community Schools for their Summer Recreation Program. He noted that the City does not offer any recreational programming.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to approve a donation in the amount of \$3,000 to the IM-K Community Schools for their Summer Recreation Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Camp 911

Stanchina relayed that Camp 911 has requested a no-charge pavilion rental at City Park for their annual Camp 911 event on June 15, 2016, and June 16, 2016.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to authorize a no-charge pavilion rental at City Park for their annual Camp 911 event on June 15, 2016, and June 16, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

February Claims and Payroll

Stanchina conveyed that a large amount of the claims is due to tax revenue distribution. He verified that overtime was reduced largely due to the open shift in the Police Department being filled.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Stohl to approve Payroll in the amount of \$269,846.73 and Claims in the amount of \$913,473.75 with net claims being \$418,176.01.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Parks and Recreation Survey

Stanchina notified the City Council that 59 surveys have been received and that the survey will be open a little longer in an effort to solicit additional responses.

2016/2017 Budget

Stanchina stated that it would be optimal to begin the budget process once the health insurance rates are available.

Tax Tribunal Appointment

Stanchina suggested that the City submit a letter opposing the reappointment of Marcus Abood to the Michigan Tax Tribunal given his record regarding the establishment of dark stores.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to allow the City to draft a letter in opposition to the reappointment of Marcus Abood to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Revenue Sharing Data

Stanchina reviewed a chart by the Michigan Municipal League showing the reduction in revenue sharing over the last 10 years. Revord indicated that Michigan ranked the lowest in revenue sharing. Alessandrini conveyed his appreciation for the City Council and administrations foresight as State revenue declined.

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City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Friends of City Park

Alessandrini announced that there will be a Friends of City Park meeting at 6:00 P.M. on March 22, 2016. He asked for additional people to serve on the committee. Stanchina outlined the plans for the upcoming Saturday in the Park event.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

List encouraged people to take the Parks and Recreation survey.

Alessandrini informed the City Council that there are private development plans for the lot at the corner of Fleshiem St. and Carpenter Ave.

Revord imparted that the Westside Ball Field would be ideal for a dog park and that there is already a fence in place. Pirkola relayed that a dog park carries limited liability. Blomquist supported the idea of utilizing the ballfield as a dog park.

Adjournment

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Maule to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer