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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member List

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Presentation of Purple Heart City Resolution" be added as items one under New Business, adjusting the following items downward accordingly.

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 Coe and supported by Blomquist to approve the minutes of July 18, 2016, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lorraine Kelly – 615 E. B Street

Kelly asked if the Dickinson County Conservation District was involved in the City's tree harvesting decision.

Old Business

None

New Business

Presentation of Purple Heart City Resolution

Alessandrini read a resolution establishing the City of Iron Mountain as a Purple Heart City. Dale LaPalme, Representative for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, imparted that he will be ordering signs designating the City of Iron Mountain as a Purple Heart City at the City limits.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Revord to approve the proposed resolution establishing the City of Iron Mountain as a Purple Heart City.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Renaming 25 Location Park

Stanchina suggested the 25 Location Park be renamed "Kiwanis 25 Location Park" in an effort to recognize the efforts made by the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Kiwanis and to retain the park's history.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to name the 25 Location Park "Kiwanis 25 Location Park."

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 2016 Paving

Stanchina detailed several options regarding the City's remaining 2016 paving budget of \$155,000.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Coe to solicit bids for the 2016 street paving.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval to Rebuild 4x4 International Plow Truck #81

Stanchina recommended that the City Council authorize a rebuild of truck #81 due to the truck's low millage. He attested that all the quotes have been compared apples-to-apples and that it would not be beneficial to invest in a stainless steel dump box for this unit.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to authorize a rebuild of truck #81, a 1996 4x4 International Paystar plow truck, by Truck Equipment of Green Bay at a cost of \$49,910.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Tax Tribunal Legal Representation Engagement Letter Re: Foster Swift Collins and Smith PC

Stanchina communicated that it would be ideal to retain the legal services of Mr. Van Coevering in the event the City goes to the Michigan Tax Tribunal over the Northern Star Industries case. Revord questioned what areas of the budget will be amended to cover the legal costs associated with the tax tribunal. *Stanchina stated that he would review what projects could be removed from the City's budget prior to submitting a budget amendment due to legal fees associated with the Michigan Tax Tribunal.*

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Maule to approve the proposed engagement letter with Foster Swift Collins and Smith PC regarding the Northern Star Industries Tax Tribunal case and require the City Manager to receive further approval once the cumulative bill reaches \$5,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program

Stanchina presented the resolution and guidelines for the 2016 Deer Management Program. He noted that the program documents have not changed from last year. Stanchina reviewed the areas that the City makes available for the hunt. It was moved by Coe and supported by Alessandrini to approve the 2016 Deer Management Program resolution and guidelines.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Application #2 Bacco Constriction Re: Crystal Lake Blvd. Utility Improvements

Revord outlined the progress, costs and payment requests associated with the Crystal Lake Blvd. Utility Improvements. It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve Application #2 by Bacco Construction in the amount of \$173,898.12 for the Crystal Lake Blvd. Utility Upgrade Project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Amend Administrative Personnel Policy Manual and City Policy Manual Re: Travel Policy

Stanchina relayed that due to Internal Revenue Service Regulations regarding meal reimbursements for non-overnight travel, it would be most beneficial for the City to discontinue meal reimbursements for non-overnight travel. He indicated that both the City Policy and Administrative Policy books would need to be amended.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to amend the Administrative Personnel Policy Manual and City Policy Manual, Policy #46 and -#3 respectively, to read: There will be no reimbursements for meals that are not part of overnight travel.

Maule	Aye
Revord	Nay
Alessandrini	Aye
Stohl	Aye
Coe	Aye
Blomquist	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Parking Lot Closure Re: Farmer's Market

Stanchina explained that the Farmer's Market must be moved for the Italian Fest event and the temporary set-up that is proposed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to close the City parking lot adjacent to the intersection of A Street and Iron Mountain Street, between 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM, on Saturday, August 20, 2016 for the 2016 Farmer's & Artisan's Market.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

510 Houghteling St. / 214 W. F St. Update

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the City's tax foreclosure homes at 510 Houghteling and 214 W. F Streets.

Hughitt St. Project

Stanchina informed the City Council of the progress of the Hughitt Street improvement project.

Culver's Special Use Permit Approval

Stanchina highlighted that the City Council does not approve or disapprove the establishment of businesses; rather the City only approves uses that are not by right within a zoning district.

Stanchina conveyed that the long grass on Wells Street was cut. He reported that the two houses behind The Holly Store are slated for demolition.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola stated that SBA is interested in renewing their lease in an effort to recruit clients. He notified the City Council of SBA's interest in purchasing their tower lease for life. Pirkola verified that the Withers Broadcasting tower can now be considered abandoned.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule congratulated Brenda O'Brien for having the Fumee Creek Roadside Park dedicated to her.

Revord expressed his appreciation for the DDA's efforts to offer the Farmer's Market.

Stohl reported on the success of the annual Relay for Life event.


Alessandrini reiterated his support for the City of Iron Mountain being a Purple Heart City

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer