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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 7, 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 & Assistant City Attorney Cavalieri

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Consideration of Letter of Understanding Re: Interim DPW Supervisor" be added to the agenda as item 11 under new business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by List and supported by Blomquist to approve the minutes of October 17, 2016, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Ben Ryan – Local Resident

Ryan expressed the opinion that there is poor availability of free municipal hockey rink access with boards and nets. He conveyed the importance of creating an opportunity for kids to experience playing hockey and having fun.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion of Ordinance That Would Allow ORV's Within City Limits

Stanchina reviewed the proposed ORV ordinance and stated that the goal is to better allow citizens the ability to access trails and tourist to access local businesses. He confirmed that the ordinance would be in accordance with current ORV laws.

Revord relayed that ORV's would not be permitted to park on public right-of-way. Stanchina indicated that the overall goal would be for the Iron Mountain trail to connect to the Wisconsin trail system. Maule imparted that signs should be placed at approved crossings. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, noted that the Cities of St. Ignace and Norway have had few problems due to ORV's being permitted on City streets and that Iron Mountain can repeal the ordinance if problems persist. Alessandrini communicated his support for this ordinance due to the positive affect on tourism. It was concluded that the City Council would hear citizen input on this topic at the next meeting.

Discussion of Commercial Rehabilitation Act

Stanchina detailed the reasons why a Commercial Rehabilitation District would be beneficial for the downtown area and the process of establishing it.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to create a Commercial Rehabilitation Committee consisting of Council Members Blomquist, Stohl and Alessandrini.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Application #1 Bacco Construction Re: 2016 Street Improvements

Stanchina presented Payment Application #1 from Bacco Construction for the 2016 street improvements. He highlighted that funds have been retained to ensure site remediation.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve Payment Application #1 from Bacco Construction for the 2016 street improvements in the amount of \$147,356.94.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Change Order #2 Re: W. Hughitt St. Utilities Project

Stanchina outlined Change Order #2 from Jake's Excavating and Landscaping for the Hughitt St. Utilities Project. It was moved by Stohl and supported by List to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$653.23.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request #2 Re: W. Hughitt St. Utilities Project

It was moved by List and supported by Maule to approve Pay Request #2 to Jakes Excavating and Landscaping for the Hughitt St. Utilities Project in the amount of \$94,211.88.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Pay Request #3 Re: Great Lakes TV Seal Inc.

Stanchina relayed that the heavy cleaning was more than expected and that the City will be receiving a quarterly reimbursement for expenses paid.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Stohl to approve a payment in the amount of \$43,816.23 to Great Lakes TV Seal Inc. for sewer cleaning and televising.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to close City Hall Offices Re: Day After Thanksgiving

Stanchina clarified that the Day After Thanksgiving is not considered a holiday.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the closure of City Hall on November 25, 2016.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Mrs. Kathleen Anderson

Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Mr. Dennis Bal

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to appoint Kathleen Anderson to the Tree Board for a three-year term to expire on November 16, 2019 and Dennis Bal to a partial term to expire on November 16, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Appointment Re: Central Landfill Authority

Stanchina highlighted the objectives and goals of the Central Landfill Authority.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to appoint the City Manager to a two-year term on the Central Landfill Authority.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Letter of Understanding Re: Interim DPW Supervisor

Stanchina stated that the current DPW Supervisor is retiring and that the union is also considering the approval of the proposed letter of understanding. Revord suggested that Iron Mountain and Kingsford discuss utilizing one DPW Supervisor. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to approve the Letter of Agreement Between the City of Iron Mountain and the City of Iron Mountain Employees' Chapter of Local 1176, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina announced that 42 deer have been harvested through the annual deer management program.

Leaf Pickup

Stanchina informed the City Council that the fall leaf collection has been delayed to the leaves falling late in the season.

Redevelopment Ready Communities

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

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Retirements

Stanchina reported that the DPW Supervisor, Don Dinnocenzo, and Deputy Director of Police and Fire Services, Kevin Pirlot, are retiring as of November 8, 2016.

Stanchina asserted that it is not necessary to appoint a deputy City Manager as the current technology allows him to be in constant contact.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule, List and Revord, Stohl and Alessandrini urged the public to vote in the November 8, 2016, election. Revord stressed the importance of discontinuing the use of the civil service system.

List, Revord and Stohl congratulated Dinnocenzo and Pirlot on their retirements.

Blomquist inquired as to the timeline for updating the City's Master Plan and noted several forthcoming ordinance amendments.


Stohl encourage people to thank a veteran on Veteran's Day and wished the Iron Mountain Public School's volleyball and football teams good luck.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer