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

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Resolution of Recognition Re: Don Dinnocenzo", "Resolution of Recognition Re: Kevin Pirlot", "Resolution of Recognition Re: Russ Johnson" and "Designation of Acting City Manager Per City Charter Sec. 7.2c" be added to the agenda as items number one, two and three under section five: Presentations, and item 11 under New Business, respectively.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 7, 2016

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Carla Kramer – 235 W. Lincoln St.

Kramer noted that there is a lack of recreation opportunities in her neighborhood. She indicated that there may be an area that would be ideal for detached trails. Stanchina verified that this is something the DNR has been considering.

Tina Pirlot – 603 W. Fleshiem St.

Pirlot asked if the ordinance allowing ORV's in the City would include snowmobiles. Stanchina clarified that it would not as we do not get enough snow to support them.

Presentations

Resolution of Recognition Re: Don Dinnocenzo

Alessandrini read the Resolution of Recognition for Don Dinnocenzo into the record.

Resolution of Recognition Re: Kevin Pirlot

Alessandrini presented the Resolution of Recognition for Kevin Pirlot.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the Resolutions of Recognition for Don Dinnocenzo and Kevin Pirlot, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Old Business

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

Stanchina detailed the proposed ordinance and conveyed that the primary intent of the proposed ORV ordinance is to increase trail access.

Dan Niemi - 1001 River Ave.

Niemi voiced his objection based on excessive and fast ORV traffic.

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Brian Lequia – 512 7th St.

Lequia imparted his support based on increased tourism and trail access.

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Feleppa conveyed her objection to the ordinance based on increased noise, traffic and required Police enforcement.

Ryan Spencer - 534 Woodward Ave.

Spencer offered his support for the ordinance due to trail access and increased tourism, as long as there are noise regulations.

Scott Thomas – 815 E. Smith Street

Thomas expressed his support for this ordinance due to increased tourism and improved trail access.

Alessandrini communicated that people currently utilize their side-by-side on City streets without incident.

Don. Nelson 416 E. Grant St.

Nelson relayed that improved trail access would greatly increase the case for residents to purchase an ORV given the increased trail access.

Carl Spencer – 645 Cliff St., Quinnesec, MI

Spencer asserted that he resides in Quinnesec and that he has not experienced any difficulties related to ORV's being permitted to operate within the City.

Shane Visintainer – 3712 Bass Lake Rd.

Visintainer stated that allowing ORV's in town would be much more convenient and that most people will be leaving the City not arriving.

Michael Harper – W8185 Becker Dr., Breitung Township

Harper, President of the ORV Club, updated the City Council on the status of the trail network surrounding Iron Mountain and voiced his support for the increased connectivity. Stanchina explained that there is no trail access on the south end of town.

Pete Lapointe - 825 E. G St.

Lapointe supported the ordinance based on convenience for the local residence.

Ed Mattson - Director of Police and Fire Services

Mattson relayed that enforce would be enforced on a complaint basis and that he would report back to the City Council if allowing ORV's within the City was proving to be problematic. List informed the City Council of the State Police's support for the program. Mattson reiterated the idea that most ORV riders would be traversing out of the City.

Revord highlighted that the ORV ordinance does not permit snowmobiles. Mattson encouraged allowing ORV's on Woodward Ave. Stanchina confirmed that ORV's would not be allowed in City Park. Revord stressed the importance of including language for equipment forfeiture due to unpaid fines.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to modify the proposed ORV ordinance to include the removal of Woodward Ave. from Section 6(c), add the forfeiture language "If after 90 day the fees have not been paid the City may consider the vehicle abandoned." to Section 14(b) and set a Public Hearing for December 5, 2016, at 6:30 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Second Hand Dealer/Pawn Shop Re: 617 N. Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina outlined a request for a pawn broker/second hand or junk dealer license at by Donald and Bobbie Jo Nelson at 617 N. Stephenson Ave.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve a pawn broker/second hand or junk dealer license for Donald and Bobbie Jo Nelson at 617 N. Stephenson Ave., upon payment of the applicable fees.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Discussion of Commercial Rehabilitation Act Proposed Certification Eligibility

Stanchina reviewed the current Commercial Rehabilitation Act Certificate Eligibility document. He suggested that the City Council review the documents prior to moving forward with the next step. Blomquist raised the issue of allowing second floor commercial of less than two units to qualify toward a tax rebate. Stanchina conveyed that it would not be ideal to permit that exemption as there are already ample exemptions for that type of development and that the cost of remodeling a commercial building would most likely qualify the owner for tax rebates.

It was moved by Coe and supported by Blomquist to authorize the City Manager to present the Commercial Rehabilitation Act Certificate eligible program documents to the Dickinson County Controller for consideration.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduce and Set Public Hearing for Sign Ordinance Text Amendment Re: Electronic Message Signs

Stanchina submitted a Sign Ordinance text amendment regarding electronic message signs for City Council approval. Blomquist indicated that signs 36 sq. ft and larger would be reviewed by the sign committee. It was moved by Stohl and supported by Maule to set a public hearing regarding a Sign Ordinance Text Amendment for electronic message signs on December 5, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina presented an amendment to the General Fund reserves.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to approve the General Fund's non-spendable/restricted funds at \$630,560.06.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Zoning/Code Enforcement Supervisor Salary Adjustment Re: Overtime Final Rule

Stanchina notified the City Council that the Zoning/Code Enforcement Supervisor's salary must be adjusted upward by \$4.60 per week in order to comply with the Department of Labor's overtime final rule. It was moved by Stohl and supported by Blomquist to adjust the Zoning and Code Enforcement Supervisor's salary to the minimum required until a time when advancement on the Administrative Salary Step Schedule meet or exceeds the minimum.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Re: Road Salt Invoice

Stanchina imparted that the City purchased \$53,450.14 of road salt and that the invoice is being approved separately due to timing.

It was moved by Coe and supported by List to authorize the payment of \$53,450.14 to Cargill for road salt.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Street Closure Re: Downtown Christmas Walk

Stanchina detailed a request by the First National Bank to close Ludington Street from Stephenson Ave. to the alley adjacent to 233 S. Stephenson Ave. from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on December 8, 2016, for the a tree lighting ceremony.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the closure of Ludington Street from Stephenson Ave. to the alley adjacent to 233 S. Stephenson Ave. from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on December 8, 2016, for a tree lighting ceremony.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of appointment to the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission Re: Robert Jayne

Stanchina recommended the approval of Robert Jayne, the incumbent and sole applicant, to the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to re-appoint Robert Jayne to the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission for a six-year term to expire on November 17, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Re: Mike Nicometo

Stanchina imparted that Mike Nicometo wishes to renew his position on the Downtown Development Authority and that he was the only applicant for the vacant position.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Coe to appoint Mike Nicometo to the DDA for a term to expire on October 6, 2020.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Appointment to the Tree Board Re: Fred Cheshire

Stanchina offered the reappointment of Fred Cheshire, the incumbent and sole applicant, to the Tree Board for City Council approval.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Coe to appoint Fred Cheshire to the Tree Board for term to expire on November 16, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Designation of Acting City Manager Per City Charter Sec. 7.2c

Stanchina stated that the City Charter requires the appointment of an Acting City Manager. He recommended that Heather Lieburn be appointed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to appoint Heather Lieburn as Acting City Manager.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2016.

It was moved by List and supported by Coe to place the Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure report for the period ending June 30, 2016, on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

October Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Stohl to approve Payroll in the amount of \$298,686.61 and Claims in the amount of \$660,730.37 with net claims being \$464,483.54.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina reported that 50 deer have been harvested in 2016.

Redevelopment Ready Community

Stanchina announced that Ryan Soucy from the MEDC will be presenting the Redevelopment Ready Community Report. It was concluded that he would present at 5:30 on December 5, 2016.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments

Stanchina noted that ordinance amendments for fence regulations, refuse receptacle requirements and rezoning along Grand Blvd. were included in the Council Packets for Council Member review.

Leaf Pick-Up

Stanchina reported that the annual leaf pick up has been completed.

Stanchina communicated that he is gathering information regarding the cost of updating the Parks and Recreation Plan.

City Attorney Reports

None

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Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

List congratulated Dinnocenzo and Pirlot on their retirements.

Revord requested an update on the status of the possibility of cost sharing for a Department of Public Works Director with the City of Kingsford.


Alessandrini reviewed his findings regarding the cost of purchasing hockey boards and accessories.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED