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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord & Blomquist

Absent: Council Members Stohl & Coe

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Closed Session Re: Litigation" be added to the agenda as item 11, adjusting adjournment downward.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Maule noted that the approval of Russ Johnson's retirement resolution was omitted.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve the minutes of November 21, 2016, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Ordinance That Would Allow ORV's Within City Limits

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Feleppa questioned whether or not other cities of our size permit ORV use within the City limits, how insurance issues would be handled regarding accidents and the manner in which complaints would be monitored.

Dave Holmes– W6244 Rock Lake Rd.

Holms conveyed that the proposed ordinance would be good for local business and increase trail utilization.

Jeff Freeman – 506 5th St.

Freeman asserted that the majority of people would consider operation an ORV in the City a privilege and treat it as such.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Sign Ordinance Text Amendment Re: Electronic Message Signs

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No commentary was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consideration of an Ordinance That Would Allow ORVs Within City Limits

Ed Mattson, Director of Police and Fire Services, verified that complaints will be documented with a field contact and that other motorized items are permitted to operate in the roadway without insurance.

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Alessandrini communicated that it would be beneficial for the community to allow the use of ORVs within the City limits. Matson stated that there will be initial complaints and that they will decrease over time. List stressed the importance of notifying the police regarding violations of the ORV ordinance and for ORV drivers to be familiar with applicable regulations. Stanchina asserted that the ordinance will take effect 30 days after adoption.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the ordinance that would allow ORVs within City limits, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Sign Ordinance Text Amendment Re: Electronic Message Signs

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the Sign Ordinance text amendment regarding electronic message signs, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Payment Re: Truck Equipment Inc.

Stanchina relayed that the rebuild of plow truck number 81 was completed under budget at a cost of \$37,571.35.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve a payment in the amount of \$37,571.35 to Tuck Equipment Inc. for the rebuild of plow truck number 81.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Civil Service Appointment Re: Mr. Steve Harris

It was moved by List and supported by Revord to appoint Mr. Steve Harris to the City Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire on November 17, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Retainage Reduction

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve Bacco Construction's request for a retainage reduction in the amount of \$7,773.13 on the Crystal Lake Boulevard project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina announced that 50 deer have been harvested through the annual deer management program.

DPW Hire

Stanchina informed the City Council that the City of Iron Mountain had made employment offers to Brian Witte and Ben Hellman for the Department of Public Works and Police Department, respectively.

Commercial Rehabilitation District

Stanchina indicated that information regarding the City's establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District was provided to the County Controller/Administrator and that he will follow up with him.

Alessandrini highlighted that the City of Iron Mountain did not increase any of its millages.

Stanchina imparted that it would not be ideal for the City of Iron Mountain and the City of Kingsford to share a D.P.W. Director position due to job requirements of the position.

City Attorney Reports

None

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Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Revord questioned why the City of Iron Mountain and the City of Kingsford have not engaged in collaborative efforts that would be fiscally beneficial. He expressed a desire to see additional cost savings through joint initiatives in the future. Revord and Blomquist stated that the citizens will have to speak on this issue if progress is to be made. Alessandrini relayed that a joint police and fire authority would benefit both communities.

Blomquist noted that the approval of the Redevelopment Ready Communities' resolution should be on the next agenda and that there are ordinance amendments that have been recommended by the Planning Commission which are awaiting City Council consideration. Stanchina suggested that some of the ordinance amendments be handled through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's technical assistance opportunities.

Close Session Re: Litigation

It was moved by List and supported by Maule to move into closed Session.

Maule	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
List	Aye
Revord	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstention-0)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to approve the engagement letter as provided by Jack Van Coevering of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith PC.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize the City Manager to contact affected taxing jurisdictions regarding tax tribunal expenses.


Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer