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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, Revord, Zemar, Ceello & Blomquist

Absent: Council Member List

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Public Hearing Re: Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget" be added as item five on the agenda, adjusting the corresponding items downward.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2017

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Ceello to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 5, 2017

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of May 5, 2017, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval of Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

Stanchina presented the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. He noted the increased cost of health insurance, State funding for street improvements and usage rates required to maintain the City's infrastructure.

Alessandrini expressed his appreciation for the staff and Council's efforts to be fiscally responsible and not increase taxes.

Stanchina imparted that health insurance and lost revenue due to reduced taxable value were the most pressing fiscal issues while completing the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

He highlighted that the City has maintained a \$2.169 million unreserved fund balance.

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Revord voiced his appreciation for the staff's fiscal management given all the projects that have been completed in the last three years.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Special Use Permit Re: Brooke Basirico, 511 6th St.

Stanchina outlined a request by Brooke Basirico for a Special Use Permit for a home occupation at 511 6th Street to perform dog grooming.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Revord to approve the request by Brooke Basirico for a Special Use Permit for a home occupation at 511 6th Street to perform dog grooming.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Special Use Permit Re: Scott & Mina Fayas, 501 N. Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina submitted a request by Scott and Mina Fayas for a Special Use Permit for a car lot at 501 N. Stephenson Avenue. He indicated that the current site can fit a maximum of ten cars.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Celello to approve the request by Scott and Mina Fayas for a Special Use Permit for a car lot at 501 N. Stephenson Avenue for up to ten cars.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Special Use Assessment Resolution Re: Unpaid Permit Fees

Stanchina asserted that the special assessments shown below are part of the City's effort to clean up the books and that the permits will be handled differently in the future, as to avoid this situation.

Special Assessment Permits	
601 W. Brown St.	60.00
1920 S. Stephenson Ave.	50.00
1208 W. A St.	30.00
408 E. Main St.	30.00
322 S. Stephenson Ave.	75.00
301 E. B St.	25.00
Total	270.00

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve a Special Assessment Resolution for 601 W. Brown St. in the amount of \$60.00, 1920 S. Stephenson Ave. in the amount of \$50.00, 1208 W. A St. in the amount of \$30.00, 408 E. Main Street in the amount of \$30.00, 322 S. Stephenson Ave. in the amount of \$75.00 and 301 E. B St. in the amount of \$25.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2017-2018 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League

Stanchina recommend the payment of the 2017-2018 Michigan Municipal League dues in the amount of \$4,373.

Pirkola explained that the Michigan Municipal Leagues Legal Defense Fund will only take cases that are of significance to cities across Michigan, as a whole.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve the 2017-2018 Michigan Municipal League dues in the amount of \$4,373.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Parade Route Re: 4th of July Parade

Stanchina reviewed the July 4th parade route.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the closure of the north side of Woodward Ave. to Carpenter Ave., Carpenter Ave. from Woodward to H St. and H St. from Carpenter Ave. to the Midtown Mall entrance for the July 4th parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 4, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

One Year Tank Pollution Liability Coverage Re: Crum and Forster

Stanchina detailed the renewal of the City's fuel tank insurance through Crum and Forster.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve a one-year renewal policy through Crum and Forster for the City's underground fuel tanks at an annual cost not to exceed \$971.48.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consulting Agreement with Optum Insight

Stanchina communicated that the City must approve a consulting agreement for the attestation of the City's RDS application and that Optum Insight is the low bidder.

It was moved by Celello and supported by Maule to approve a consulting agreement with Optum Insight to complete the attestation of the City's RDS application at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ending 3/31/2017

Stanchina presented the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ending 3/31/2017 for Council consideration.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to place the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ending 3/31/2017 on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

April Claims and Payroll

Alessandrini questioned why overtime was elevated in the Police Department.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Revord to approve Payroll in the amount of \$304,209.54 and Claims in the amount of \$365,084.54 with net claims being \$309,866.89, excluding claim number 64247 to Mouw and Celello, P.C. in the amount of \$2,098.51.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve claim number 64247 to Mouw and Celello, P.C. in the amount of \$2,098.51.

Maule	Aye
List	Aye
Revord	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Cecllo	Abstain
Zemar	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-1)

City Manager Reports

DPW Supervisor

Stanchina conveyed that Scott Thomas has been hired as the new DPW Supervisor.

Tire Collection

Stanchina reported that 787 tires have been collected through the scrap tire grant thus far.

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IM-K Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Financing

Stanchina relayed that the City Council should expect to receive a request from the Iron Mountain –Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority for a rate increase, in the amount of \$.94/1000 gallons, at the June 5, 2017, Council meeting to cover the cost of the proposed IM-K Waste Water Treatment Plan Capital Improvement Project. He explained the bonding process the IM-K Joint Sewage Authority must undergo.

Rubbish drop-off report

Stanchina imparted that the annual rubbish collection appears to have received greater citizen participation.

Alessandrini-abandoned vehicle registration requirements

Pirkola verified that people can offer information regarding unregistered vehicles and that City staff can't enter the property to investigate without permission.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve up to three Council Members to attend the Michigan Municipal League Event in Marquette on June 1, 2017, to June 2, 2017, with reimbursement for mileage, one night hotel stay and required meals.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Labor Relations Committee has been meeting.

Public Comment

Rick Todish – 827 Devereaux St.

Todish encouraged the City Council to revise the Rental Housing Ordinance to include the following provisions:

- 1-Make the program voluntary and allow tenants to opt out.
- 2-Allow tenants and landlords to request inspections at the requestor's expense.
- 3-Remove the three-year inspection requirement.

Stanchina stated that rental housing ordinances similar to the City of Iron Mountains have been found constitutional and that making inspections voluntary could allow rental expense to be placed ahead of safety. Todish raised the concern that renters may move to Kingsford rather than comply with a required rental inspection. Stanchina clarified that the tenants may refuse to allow an inspection and that the City may then request a search warrant from the courts. He offered Todish the solution that he may pursue legal recourse if he is not satisfied with the ordinance.

Council Member Privilege

Revord requested that the weir at Lake Antoine be reviewed.

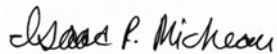
Alessandrini welcomed Zemar to the City Council.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer