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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Zemar, Celello & Blomquist

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 3, 2017

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by List to approve the minutes of July 3, 2017, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Dave Maxon - 1300 E. Grand Blvd. Circle

Maxon voiced the opinion that it would be preferable for the Westside Ball Field to remain in its current form and that it would be able to be used regularly for Little League if the fence was relocated, overhanging tree limbs were removed and vandalism was cleaned up. It was concluded that this request would be discussed at the Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Dave Frazer - 5991 M-95

Frazer suggested that the City consider allowing a portion of the provisions within the State's new medical marijuana legislation as there would be increased revenue for the City and medical benefits for its users. He detailed the provisions which the City may permit. It was determined that the City Attorney would review the issue and that the City Council would hold a committee of the whole meeting.

Old Business

Stanchina reiterated the idea that a 2% Cable Franchise Fee be assessed in Iron Mountain and that the revenue be earmarked for alley improvement. Alessandrini and Revord supported the levy and earmarking idea. Stanchina confirmed that the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications must be approved this evening, with or without a franchise fee. Celello raised the concern that the establishment of a franchise fee would be a tax on a small group of people. Pirkola imparted that the City should be careful when dedicating funds from this fee. Alessandrini conveyed the opinion that that the former 5% franchise fee was too high and that the funds were not adequately utilized. Stanchina indicated that the franchise fee can be removed at any time but can only be added at the renewal of a franchise agreement.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to adopt the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications, effective upon signature.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to adopt a 2% franchise fee on the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications with the proceeds being dedicated to the preservation of City Right-of-Way.

Maule Aye
List Aye
Revord Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Blomquist Aye
Celello Nay
Zemar Aye

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

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: One-Ton Pickup Truck and Dump Box for DPW

Stanchina outlined a request to purchase a one-ton pickup truck with dump box for the Department of Public Works. He verified that \$36,000 is budgeted for this purchase.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Celello to authorize the solicitation of bids for a one-ton pickup truck with dump box, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Quotes Re: Major Street Line Striping and Pavement Markings

Stanchina presented a request to solicit quotes for line striping and pavement markings on the City streets. He stated that the cost of this project will be kept under \$20,000.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to solicit quotes for line striping and pavement markings and award the project to the lowest quote.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Water and Sewer Rate Increase

Stanchina reviewed a request to increase water and sewer utility rates in the amount of 1.5%. Stanchina noted that the rate increase for improvements at the sewer treatment plant will most likely be effective in August.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Celello to approve a 1.5% increase in the water and sewer utility rate.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Agreement to allow Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to reopen previous RDS applications

Stanchina relayed that Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) found additional Retire Drug Subsidy (RDS) funds and that they feel additional funds may be available by reopening the July 2011 through July 2014 applications. He asserted that BCBS would keep 50% of the additional funds they recover.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to authorize Blue Cross Blue Shield to reopen the July 2011 through July 2014 Retire Drug Subsidy applications with a 50% fee for additionally recovered funds.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of FY18 Dues Re: Northern Michigan Public Service Academy (NMPSA)

Stanchina communicated his support for the City renewing its membership with the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy.

It was moved by Maule and supported by list to authorize the Fiscal Year 2018 Dues for the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy in the amount of \$600.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Administrative Salary Step Schedule Correction Re: Zoning and Code Administrator

Stanchina notified the City Council that there was an error on the recent adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule and that Zoning and Code Administrator should be receiving a salary of \$49,143.99 instead of \$49,740.88.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to amend the Administrative Salary Step Schedule so that the Zoning and Code Administrator receives a salary of \$49,143.99.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

June Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Celello to approve Payroll in the amount of \$388,769.22 and Claims in the amount of \$442,973.09 with net claims being \$346,493.38, excluding Mouw and Celello, P.C. and Grandma's Garden claims in the amount of \$3,797.33.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve Mouw and Celello, P.C. and Grandma's Garden claims in the amount of \$3,797.33.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstain-2)

City Manager Reports

Paving

Stanchina expressed the idea that the City should wait until spring to bid the annual paving projects due to increased access to asphalt, improved time frame for restoration, greater budget certainty and the ability to add Small Urban paving to the bid.

Boss Snowplow Parking Lot Maintenance

Stanchina informed the City Council that Boss Snowplow/Toro exercised their option to renew the parking lot lease with the City for a period of 10 years.

Alessandrini reported that the street light on Main Street is overgrown by a tree.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the post-fire clean up at 1950 S. Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina stressed that all properties which the City must mow will be assessed a mowing fee and given a citation.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola stated that tower lease negotiations are underway on a couple of towers.

Committee Reports

Stanchina noted that the Labor Relations Committee has been meeting and that the Infrastructure Committee will be meeting on July 18, 2017, regarding the Lake Antoine weir.

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Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini announced the upcoming Saturday in the Park event. He explained the new bidding procedure for local tax foreclosures.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer