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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Celello

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Consideration of Amendment to Chapter 62, Article III, Division IV, Subdivision II, Section 62-132-Months in Effect" and "Consideration of Wastewater Service Contract Re: Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority" as items nine and ten, respectively, under New Business.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by List to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Repeal Sec. 74-563 of the Zoning Ordinance Re: Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers

Stanchina conveyed that it would be preferable to repeal the current ordinance regarding the zoning of facilities that provide medical marihuana as State regulation have changed, making it more advantageous to develop a new ordinance.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Warranty Deed of Jointly-Owned Property Re: IM-K Wastewater Authority

Stanchina imparted that the property currently utilized by the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority is owned jointly by the cities of Iron Mountain and Kingsford and that the ownership of the property must be transferred to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Wastewater Authority in order for upgrades to the sewage plant to be funded through a Rural Development loan. He relayed that the City will still have control over the property though the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

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Old Business

Consider Repeal of Sec. 74-563 of the Zoning Ordinance Re: Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers

Stanchina detailed the changes to State law regarding medical marihuana provisioning centers. Alessandrini stressed the importance of a committee meeting to discuss this issue further. Revord, List and Pirkola communicated the opinion that it would be preferable to discuss this issue once the State's rules and regulations have been formalized.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to repeal Chapter 74-Zoning, Article VIII-Special Use Permits, Section 74-563- Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consider Warranty Deed of Jointly Owned Property Re: IM-K Wastewater Authority

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the Warranty Deed transferring the City's ownership of the property currently utilized by the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority's wastewater treatment facility located at 88 Park Avenue, Kingsford, MI 49802 to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Special Use Permit for Used Car Sales Re: Alan Arcand, 1330 N. Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina stated that the most recent site plan submitted by Alan Arcand meets the City's requirements and that he would recommend amending the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the maximum number of cars for display to 14 based on the current site plan. He presented the Planning Commission's recommendations for the approval of the Special Use Permit as shown below:

- 8 to 10 vehicles for the size of the lot would be more practical, unless a site plan to scale (furnished to the City Council on October 16, 2017) shows adequate room for parking of more than 8 cars, including: maneuvering, snow storage and customer access with a defined area of landscaping.
- Buffering to the west consisting of a privacy fence from the property line, as approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- Restrict outside storage of parts and tires.
- 10' setback from the Lincoln Street right-of-way, with 3' from west property line and 10' set back from the US-2 right-of-way.
- Paving within one year of parking spaces and an access lane with defined storm water runoff plan per ordinance requirements including pavement marking and signs to show one way access off of US-2 to allow access to US-2 only at the Lincoln Street curb cut.
- Adequate snow storage within the site, with attention to not obscure clear vision at access points
- Displayed vehicles for sale shall not be salvage vehicles or parts of vehicles.
- Limit service customer vehicles to be included in the total number of approved parking spaces. (8 are needed for employees, and two customer spaces per service stall)
- Maintain required landscaped areas.
- Allow for Planning Commission to recommend, review, and/or adjust the total number of vehicles to the City Council based on periodic inspections or complaints.
- Allow for small enclosure at back of building for scrap metal, tires and waste oil, per review and approval of Zoning Administrator.

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Alessandrini indicated that the site looks good now and that the City will have recourse in the event the site no longer meets the requirements of the Special Use Permit. *Maule voiced her objection to the Special Use Permit based on previous site management and the quality of vehicles that were present based on letters received from neighboring residents.* Stanchina verified that scrap and salvage vehicles will not be permitted. Arcand expressed his desire to operate a compliant, organized and profitable car dealership. *Maule asked if the Special Use Permit could be pulled for noncompliance.* Stanchina reiterated that the Special Use Permit could be pulled in the event the site no longer meets the requirements.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the Special Use Permit at 1330 N. Stephenson Ave. for Used Car Sales by Alan Arcand in the amount of 14 display and 7 customer vehicles contingent upon the Planning Commission's 11 recommendations, as shown above, and verification of a valid Michigan Dealer's license.

~~Motion Prevailed Unanimously~~

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

New Business

Consideration of Resolution Re: Support for Senate Bill 577

Alessandrini read a resolution of support by the Iron Mountain City Council to rename a portion of Highway US-8 from the Michigan-Wisconsin border to the US-8 and US-2 intersection in the City of Norway, Michigan, as the "Medio J. Bacco Memorial Highway."

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed resolution in support of renaming a portion of Highway US-8 from the Michigan-Wisconsin border to the US-8 and US-2 intersection in the City of Norway, Michigan, as the "Medio J. Bacco Memorial Highway."

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Resolution Re: Homeless Awareness Week

Alessandrini presented a resolution recognizing Homeless Awareness Week from November 11, 2017, to November 19, 2017.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to approve a resolution recognizing Homeless Awareness Week from November 11, 2017, to November 19, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of FIREHOUSE Software Agreement Re: ESO Solutions

Stanchina informed the City Council that Conduent Government Systems, LLC sold the ownership of FIREHOUSE software to ESO Solutions, Inc. and that the only alteration to the agreement is the ownership of the software.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve a software agreement between ESO Solutions, Inc. and the City of Iron Mountain for the Fire Department's use of FIREHOUSE software.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution Re: Unpaid Permit Fees

Stanchina clarified that there are no names on the resolutions as the property is liable for unpaid fees.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to adopt special assessments for unpaid fees on 2702 N. Stephenson Avenue in the amount of \$35.00, 1216 S. Milwaukee Avenue in the amount of \$25.00, 301 E. Fleshiem Street in the amount of \$25.00 and 109 W. Fleshiem Street in the amount of \$25.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Amend Administrative Policy Manual Re: Health Insurance

Stanchina explained the changes to the administrative employees' health insurance. Stanchina and Alessandrini supported the new health insurance plan as it will decrease the city's liability.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to amend the Administrative Policy Manual to include a \$2,000/\$4,000 HSA, \$15/\$30/\$50 prescription plan after deductible, 20% co-insurance, \$3,000/\$6,000 max out of pocket from Blue Cross with the City's deductible contribution of \$6,000 in the first year of participation, \$5,000 in the second year, \$4,500 in third year and \$4,000 in each subsequent year for a Family and 2-Person Plan, with a single plan receiving \$3,000 in the first year, \$2,500 in 2nd year, \$2,250 in Year 3 and \$2,000 in each subsequent year with the stipulation that employees are not eligible to receive the Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 contribution more than one time during their employment with the City and that all premiums and deductible contributions are subject to 20% employee responsibility, effective January 1, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DDA Appointment Re: Gina Wollner

Stanchina submitted a letter of interest by Gina Wollner to join the Downtown Development Authority's board.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to appoint Gina Wollner to the Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term to expire on April 4, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval to Close City Hall Offices Re: Day After Thanksgiving

Stanchina requested that City Hall be closed the day after Thanksgiving with the staff using paid leave or receiving no pay.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by List to approve the closure of City Hall on the day after Thanksgiving with the staff using paid leave or receiving no pay

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Final Payment for Bacco Construction Re: 2016 Crystal Lake Blvd. Project

Stanchina presented the final request for payment by Bacco Construction for the 2016 Crystal Lake Boulevard Project.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the final request for payment by Bacco Construction for the 2016 Crystal Lake Boulevard Project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Introduce and set public hearing for chapter 62

Stanchina outlined an ordinance amendment to the winter parking requirements within the Safe Routes to School area as to disallow parking on sidewalks in an effort to not impede pedestrian travel and protect the City's infrastructure improvements.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to set a public hearing for November 20, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. to consider an ordinance amendment to Chapter 62, Article III, Division IV, Subdivision II, Section 62-132-Months in Effect, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Wastewater Service Contract

Stanchina explained that the approval of a Wastewater Services Contract between the City of Iron Mountain and the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority is required by Rural Development to secure loan proceeds for improvements at the sewage treatment plant.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by List to approve the Wastewater Services Contract between the City of Iron Mountain and the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Deer Management/Timber Harvest

Stanchina reported that a total of 24 deer have been harvested and that logging will begin on the 80-acre tower site.

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SAW Grant

Stanchina noted that the SAW Grant is nearly complete as the grant cycle ended on October 31, 2017, and that an asset management plan will need to be developed.

Umbrella Project

Stanchina outlined the idea behind an Umbrella Project.

Immaculate Conception Church

Stanchina highlighted that the Immaculate Conception Church and the City have agreed on a solution for snow removal adjacent to their boulevard trees and that the situation will be monitored by the Department of Public Works supervisor.

Leaves/Compost

Stanchina stated that leaf collection is complete for the season and that wood chipping will begin soon.

Stanchina notified the City Council that the City's grant application for tennis court improvements scored well and that the City Park application did not.

Stanchina conveyed that additional shopping opportunities will come to this area once there are more jobs to support retail sales.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Alessandrini imparted that the Friends of City Park received an anonymous donation of \$50,000.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini conducted a moment of silence for the victims of the Sutherland Texas and Manhattan massacres.


List announced that the City's General Election is tomorrow.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer