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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member List

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Consideration of Request for Leave of Absence" be added as item 11 under New Business.

Blomquist clarified that item number three under new business should read "Establish a Public Hearing Date Re: Purchase of a Fire Department Pickup Truck via Rural Development."

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2018

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Saldana to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2018

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Sue Theisen-1116 Fairbanks Street

Theisen inquired on the status of pickle ball courts being developed within the City. Stanchina conveyed that a private donation has been offered for this project and that the development of a court is being discussed.

Virginia Feleppa-1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard

Feleppa expressed her concern for the low resident participation in the City's Street Tree program. She suggested that the City subsidize the residents' costs to purchase a tree down to \$100 each for up to 50 trees in lieu of the City purchasing trees annually.

Old Business

None

New Business

Authorization to Solicit 2-Year Audit Proposals

Stanchina noted that the City Charter requires that proposals for a financial audit be solicited every two years. He indicated that proposals would be due by March 5, 2018.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to solicit proposals for a financial audit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request for Easement from WE Energies for Charter Communications

Stanchina detailed a request from WE Energies for an easement through City property located adjacent to Park Avenue and north of East A Street on behalf of Charter Communications. He relayed that WE Energies is agreeable to a fee of \$1,800 for the placement of the proposed easement.

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Alessandrini voiced his concern for the negative effect this easement will have on the future value and development of the property. Maule suggested that that issue be given further consideration. Saldana supported Alessandrini's position.

No Action Taken

Establish a Public Hearing Date Re: Purchase of a Fire Department Pickup Truck via Rural Development

Stanchina reviewed the Rural Development grant application for the purchase of a Fire Department pickup truck. He verified that the Ram was chosen due to the low MI Deal price, a four-wheel-drive truck is being requested to ensure access to all emergency scenes and price includes all required accessories.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to establish a public hearing for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Department pickup truck via Rural Development grant on February 19, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Saldana to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of a 2018 Ram 1500 4x4 quad cab or equivalent.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: 12" Drum Class Wood Chipper

Stanchina recommended that the City purchase a 12" Drum Class Wood Chipper as the current wood chipper is no longer serviceable and incurs additional man hours. Scott Thomas, DPW Supervisor, highlighted the benefits of purchasing a new chipper.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to solicit bids for the purchase of (1) 12" Drum Class Wood Chipper to be due at 4:00 P.M. on March 5, 2018.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

IM Housing Commission Appointment Re: Mr. Walter Lakari

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to reappoint Mr. Lakari to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission for a term to expire on January 9, 2022.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: IM-K Community Schools

Stanchina recommended the approval of the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Community School's request for \$2,000 for the Summer Recreation Program.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve a \$2,000 contribution to the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Community School's Summer Recreation Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Policy #87 Amendment Re: City-Issued Cellular Devices

Stanchina communicated that City-issued cellular devices are issued at the discretion of the City Manager and that the policy should be updated to allow employees to either receive a phone or a \$50 monthly stipend.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to amend City Policy #87, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Golden K Special Needs Youth Picnic

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to authorize a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental for the Golden K Special Needs Youth Picnic on May 29, 2018, pending the submission of a \$75.00 security deposit.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Board of Review Appointment Re: Mr. Dean Petschar

Stanchina confirmed that the Board of Review will have no vacancies pending the current appointment.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to appoint Mr. Dean Petschar to the Board of Review for a term to expire on January 1, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Request for Leave of Absence

Stanchina imparted that Police Department Sergeant Ahola requested a 60-day leave of absence, without pay, and that he complies with section 13.1 under his bargaining contract's requirements.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve Sergeant Ahola's request for a 60-day unpaid leave of absence.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Dollar General

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the Dollar General project.

Iron Mountain Road and Trail Proposed Marathon

Stanchina stated that the Iron Mountain Road and Trail Race Committee has decided to not pursue a full marathon course, 26.2 miles, and this year to allow for additional planning.

Opioid Litigation

Stanchina recapped the opioid litigation the City joined.

2018 Small Urban Paving Project

He conveyed that staff has reviewed the engineering proposals and that the project would most likely begin in the Spring.

Stanchina indicated that it would be best for the budget process to begin in March.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to re-appoint Dale Alessandrini to the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission for a term to expire on July 26, 2020.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege


None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer