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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Consideration of Naming Rights Re: LiUNA! Field Batting Cages, Press Box and Concession Stand" be added as item nine under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2018

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of July 2, 2018, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Closed Session of July 2, 2018

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of July 2, 2018, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Vacate the Southernmost 150' of Van Buren St.

Stanchina detailed the request by Mr. Bill Neuens to vacate the southernmost 150' of Van Buren Street. He imparted that Neuens is preparing the site for future commercial development.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Prohibit Dogs from Athletic Fields

Stanchina communicated that it would be preferable to prohibit dogs from athletic fields due to the amount of volunteer time and donations the athletic fields receive. He conveyed that a dog park is now available at City Park.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Bruce Torretti - 918 Wells St.

Torretti voiced the opinion that all tax payers should be able to use the facility when the baseball program is not in session.

Ed Felten - Co-Head Coach for Iron Mountain Public Schools and Co-Head Coach for Iron Mountain Golds

Felten expressed the opinion that the goal is to have increased use of the field in the future and that not allowing dogs on the field would be for the common good due to the amount of time and money spent on the field.

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Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Dog Park

The City Council reviewed the updated Dog Park Ordinance. Alessandrini described how dogs would enter the City's dog park.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consideration of Vacation Re: Southernmost 150' of Van Buren St.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to vacate the southernmost 150' of Van Buren St.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Ordinance Re: Prohibit Dogs from Athletic Fields

Revord relayed that he understood Torretti's point but that a lot of money has been invested to develop the athletic fields. It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve the amendments to Chapter 6, Animals, Article I, in General, Section 6-9, Dogs and Cats Prohibited From City Athletic Fields, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Ordinance Re: Dog Park

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the amendments to Chapter 48, Dog Parks.

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

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

New Business

Discussion of Carpenter Ave. Road Diet

Stanchina presented the road diet concept for the portion of Carpenter Avenue between Ludington and H Streets. Alessandrini indicated that he is not in favor of a road diet, but would be in favor of soliciting public input. Maule stated that partially changing Carpenter Avenue does not seem ideal. Stanchina noted that there is too much traffic on the rest of Carpenter Avenue to extend the road diet any further. Revord and Maule stressed the importance of gathering public comment from the residents of Iron Mountain and Kingsford. Maule asserted that she is seeing more bikes being used. Blomquist outlined why he supported moving forward with the road diet. Stanchina stated that he would look into what would be involved if the City found the road diet was not working. Blomquist and Stanchina explained the importance of educating the public before making a decision. Saldana supported the road diet concept. Blomquist imparted that local business traffic could benefit from the road diet.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to hold a public hearing on August 6, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss converting Carpenter Avenue between Ludington and H Streets from four lanes to three lanes with a center turning lane and wide shoulders.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Award Re: Tennis Courts

Stanchina conveyed that Bacco Construction Company reduced their bid for the East Side Tennis Courts to \$83,030.75.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to award the replacement of the East Side Tennis Courts to Bacco Construction Company at a cost of \$83,030.75, contingent upon completion of plan review by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Charitable Gaming License Re: Hardcore Scripture Outdoors

Stanchina presented Mr. Joe Bottesi's request for a charitable gaming license on behalf of Hardcore Scripture Outdoors. It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve Mr. Joe Bottesi's request for a charitable gaming license on behalf of Hardcore Scripture Outdoors, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: City Park Bathroom Roof and Soffit

Stanchina outlined the proposed bathroom roof and soffit replacement project. He indicated that additional insurance language requiring \$1,000,000 of liability coverage should be added to the provided spec and that bids should be due on August 6, 2018.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to authorize the solicitation of bids for the replacement of the roof and soffit on the City Park bathrooms with a due date of August 6, 2018, at 4:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Seal, Crack Fill and Line Stripe City-Owned Parking Lots

Stanchina reviewed the proposed maintenance projects for the City-owned parking lots.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to authorize the solicitation of bids to seal, crack fill and line stripe the City – Owned parking lot between East A Street and East Hughitt Street and mark/line stripe the library, City Hall and Hughitt Street parking lots with a due date of August 6, 2018, at 4:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution Re: Unpaid Permit Fee and Water Meter

Stanchina detailed the special assessment resolution for the following parcels:

304 W. Ludington St.	\$145.20	Water Meter
1140 S. Stephenson Ave.	\$ 38.50	Sign Permit

It was moved by List and supported by Revord to approve the Special Assessment resolutions for 304 W. Ludington St., in the amount of \$145.20, and 1140 S. Stephenson Ave., in the amount of \$38.50.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Group Participation Agreement and Resolution Re: MERS Healthcare Savings Program

Stanchina outlined the benefits offered by the MERS Healthcare Savings Program to both the City and the retiree. He confirmed that the employee can adjust the amount that is deposited.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve the establishment of an Iron Mountain Police Department Lieutenants' MERS Healthcare Savings Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Application from Bacco Construction Re: 2018 Street Improvements

Stanchina relayed that the 2018 Street Improvement project was about 8% over budget due to additional roadway being paved and that the final cost was \$411,240.26

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to authorize the payment of \$411,240.26 to Bacco Construction Company for the 2018 Street Improvement project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Naming Rights Re: LiUNA! Field Batting Cages, Press Box and Concession Stand

Alessandrini asked that the batting cages at LiUNA! Field be named the "Brad and Mindy Wender Batting Cages" and that the press box and concession stand be named the "Julian Family Press Box and Concession Stand."

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to name the batting cages at LiUNA! Field the "Brad and Mindy Wender Batting Cages" and the Press Box and Concession Stand the "Julian Family Press Box and Concession Stand."

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

June Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$389,468.82 and Claims in the amount of \$435,509.94 with net claims being \$328,448.05.

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

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

City Manager Reports

Man Hole Covers

Stanchina verified that the City is working on manholes on the Main Street.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina noted that the Labor Relations Committee will meet tomorrow.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Revord welcomed Erickson Jewelers to the downtown.

Zemar communicated that he would like to allow the keeping of domesticated pigs in the City.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to research the keeping of domesticated pigs in the City.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Alessandrini relayed that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners has been engaged in illegal closed sessions, violating the Open Meetings Act, and that he is glad the City has not engaged in this behavior.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer