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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini requested that "Consideration of Exception to the Retiree Watch Policy" be added as item seven under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Jonathan Ringel – 814 W. Fleshier St.

Ringel voiced his support for the Beckett & Raeder proposal regarding the City's Master Plan update. He outlined the importance of the Master Plan.

Old Business

Bid Award Re: Pavement Roller

Stanchina reviewed the recommendation by Department of Public Works Supervisor Scott Thomas to purchase the used 2008 Bomag tandem vibratory roller from Miller-Bradford at a cost of \$14,500, with trade-in.

It was moved by Revord and supported by List to approve the purchase of a 2008 Bomag tandem vibratory roller from Miller-Bradford at a cost of \$15,000 with a credit of \$500 for the trade-in of the City's 1987 Rasco tandem vibratory roller.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Establish a Public Hearing Re: Vacate Alley of Block 4 and Block 6 of Kimberly's Fourth (North of Former Mountain Motors)

Stanchina presented a request by Ms. Rebecca Lilienthal to vacate public right-of-way for the entire alley contained in block 6, portion of alley located between lots 7 and 8 of block 13 and portion of alley located to the south of lot 8 of block 4.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to establish a public hearing for the vacation of the entire alley contained in block 6, portion of alley located between lots 7 and 8 of block 13 and portion of alley located to the south of lot 8 of block 4 at 6:00 P.M. on January 7, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Hearing for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Accessory Buildings

Stanchina detailed the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory buildings. Alessandrini conveyed that 150' of frontage may not be enough room to allow cloth covered structures.

Jonathan Ringel – 814 W. Fleshier St.

Ringel relayed his support for the ordinance amendment.

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Stanchina confirmed that existing cloth structures may not be replaced and temporary metal structures would be prohibited unless they are on a 150' parcel.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory buildings, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request for Club Liquor Approval Re: Friends of the Braumart

Stanchina submitted a request by the Friends of the Braumart for the approval of a resolution of support for a Club Liquor License. He highlighted the reasons they are applying for the liquor license. Stanchina stated that a club liquor license would only allow members to be served and Jinx Brew, Friend of the Braumart member, confirmed that a membership plan is in place.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to approve the resolution of support for the Friends of the Braumart's Club Liquor License.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina reviewed the General Fund Reserves effective June 30, 2018. Stanchina indicated that the unrestricted/spendable General Fund balance represents approximately 30% of the City's operating budget.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve the General Fund Reserves, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Re: Riverside Auto

Stanchina imparted that tow hooks and a trailer brake were omitted on the City's 2018 Ram 2500 4x4 and that the truck has arrived. He noted that he is looking into the delay in receiving the truck.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to authorize a payment in the amount of \$26,257 to Riverside Auto for the purchase of a 2018 Ram 2500 4x4.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Tax Foreclosed Property Re: Parcel #051-102-179-00 & #051-103-634-00

Stanchina notified the City Council that parcels #051-102-179-00 and #051-103-634-00 were not purchased during the tax foreclosure process. He recommended that the City not object to taking either parcel. Stanchina informed the City Council that the Lilja Fund would like to obtain parcel #051-103-634-00, 522 E. A Street, from the City so it can be demolished and the lot donated to Habitat for Humanity for the building of a new home.

Pirkola clarified that the City can give the property to the Lilja Fund as long as the Charter is followed.

No Action Taken

Consideration of Exception to the Retiree Watch Policy

Stanchina presented Detective/Lieutenant Michael Papp's request to purchase his sidearm at a cost of \$200 in lieu of receiving a retirement watch.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to authorize Michael Papp to purchase his sidearm at a cost of \$200 in lieu of receiving a retirement watch.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina reported that 34 deer have been harvested and that the final number is likely to decrease due to logging on City property.

Millie Hill Harvest Update

Stanchina indicated that the logging on Millie Hill should be completed no later than December 12, 2018.

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Recreational/Medical Marijuana

Stanchina communicated that a committee needs to be formed to discuss recreational and medical marijuana. It was determined that Revord, Zemar and Alessandrini would sit on the committee and that Blomquist would be the alternate.

Tire Grant

Stanchina announced that the City's tire grant concluded on December 1, 2018, and that the City has submitted for a grant for next year.

Snow Plowing

Stanchina confirmed that there are new plow truck drivers on the Northside. Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas verified that the snow plowing arrangement at the Immaculate Conception Church is working well. Stanchina asserted the importance of not banking snow onto adjoining sidewalks within the commercial district as it causes them to become unusable.

Master Plan

Stanchina explained that there are other companies available that may bid on revising the City's Master Plan. He communicated that there is good content in the Master Plan and that it just needs to be freshened up. Blomquist attested to Becket & Raeder's reputation and questioned the ability to find an apples-to-apples comparison with another company.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola informed the City Council that the tower leases are expiring in the near future and that SBA has expressed an interest in renewing their lease prior to its expiration. He imparted that they offered \$20,000 to the City if an early renewal is approved. Alessandrini raised the idea of adjusting the base rent based on the Consumer Price Index. Pirkola clarified that the ten year limitation on leases is to prevent a Council from tying the hands of future Councils. Alessandrini offered the suggestion that the Charter needs to be revised.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on January 7, 2019, to approve a lease renewal with SBA, under the same terms, to take effect at the expiration of their current lease.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Infrastructure Committee will be meeting tomorrow and that the Recreational/Medical Marijuana Committee should meet soon.

Public Comment

Dave Fraser – 414 W. Fleshiem Street & Owner of Grow Maxx

He encouraged the City Council to consider local people when determining regulations and to not lump medical and recreational marijuana together. Frasier offered his assistance to the committee tasked with reviewing this subject matter.

Council Member Privilege

Revord requested a moment of silence in honor of George Herbert Walker Bush.

Alessandrini highlighted the favorable tax rate position Iron Mountain has maintained and thanked the staff and City Council for their efforts.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I".

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer