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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, Schinderle, Revord & Blomquist,

Absent: Council Members Zemar & Saldana

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Authorization for Overnight Travel Re: City Manager Meeting" be added as item eight under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of August 19, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lisa Riley - N1736 Spring Street, Vulcan, MI

She highlighted the current and anticipated future shortages of medical marihuana in the State of Michigan.

Lois Ellis – Director of the Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance

She outlined the projects the Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance is working on and invited the Council to attend an investor update meeting at Pine Mountain Resort on September 26, 2019, at 7:30 AM.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Used Plow Truck

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Vendor	Year	Make/Model	Cost	Mileage	Rear Wing
UP International	2010	International 7400 4x2	\$53,160	73,460	no
Mid-State Truck Service	2008	International 7400	\$61,900	112,000-115,000	yes

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to refer the bids to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Alley Closure Near the Shared Lot Line of 407 and 415 S. Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina presented a request to close the alley adjacent to the shared lot line of 407 and 415 S. Stephenson Avenue to through traffic due to pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and place bollards to allow the area to be kept clear of snow in the winter. He clarified that the alley is not being encroached upon by the adjoining buildings.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to close the alley adjacent to the shared lot line of 407 and 415 S. Stephenson Avenue to through traffic

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Recreational Marijuana

Stanchina communicated that it is required that recreational marijuana licenses be awarded to medical marihuana license holders within the State of Michigan and that it would be best to formulate a scoring rubric for the awarding of recreational

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licenses that would aid local organizations in receiving local licenses. Pirkola indicated that the Courts are interpreting marihuana regulations by the letter of the law and that Manistee, Michigan, has a good ordinance to shadow. Stanchina conveyed that licenses must be awarded through a competitive process and that the amount available can be limited; following a process similar to the licensure of medical marihuana. He suggested that a rubric be presented at the next meeting and a public hearing be held on October 7, 2019. Stanchina imparted that there would be no negative consequences if the City's zoning ordinance takes effect six days after the State's license window opens. Pirkola relayed that the State of Michigan has not provided information regarding their recreational marijuana license approval process or regulations. Revord asserted that the next step is to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to allow and zone recreational marijuana.

Stanchina stated the State of Michigan does not address quality standards. Blomquist expressed concern that facilities will move from producing medical marihuana to recreational marijuana due to increased profitability. Stanchina noted that the savings in excise tax could protect the demand for medical marihuana. Blomquist informed the Council that marihuana and marijuana have a different growing process. Maule stressed the importance of medical marihuana operations being maintained. Blomquist inquired if the City would fill vacated medical marihuana licenses once recreational marijuana licensees are issued. Maule and Alessandrini raised the idea of requiring facilities to not discontinue medical marihuana once they can produce recreational marijuana. Blomquist supported not limiting the growing of recreational marijuana due to the discontinuance of medical marihuana production. Maule voiced the option of not offering recreational marijuana licenses until the rules are finalized.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance to allow and zone recreational marijuana.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Repair 2005 Front End Loader

Stanchina detailed a request to repair the City's 2005 Volvo front-end loader in DePere, Wisconsin, at an estimated cost of \$7,000, with a max cost of \$15,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to authorize the repair of the City's 2005 Volvo front-end loader at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

2019-2020 Economic Development Alliance Contribution

Stanchina reviewed the progress the Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance has made and recommended the request for \$5,000 dues request for 2019/2010 Fiscal Year be approved.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule that a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 be made to the Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance for the 2019/2020.Fiscal Year

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DDA Appointment Re: David Hendrickson

Stanchina recommended that David Hendrickson be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Alessandrini requested that the Council receive a resume for board appointments in the future, including when they are vetted by the DDA. Blomquist attested to the improved quantity and quality of perspective board members.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Revord to appoint David Hendrickson to the Downtown Development Authority for a partial term to expire on April 4, 2020.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Kingsford High School Cross Country Meet Re: City Park Trails

Stanchina requested that the City Council approve a request by Chris Hartman, Kingsford Public School's Athletic Director, to use the City Park Trails for a Kingsford High School cross country meet on September 10, 2019, from 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM and the GNC Cross Country meet on October 10, 2019.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to grant exclusive use of the City Park trails to the Kingsford Cross Country Team on September 10, 2019, and October 10, 2019, for a cross country meet.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Purpose of Purchasing Winter Street Sand

Stanchina informed the City Council that winter sand must be ordered at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000 for 2,000 tons.

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It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to authorize the solicitation of bids for 2,000 tons of winter sand with bids to be due by 4:00 P.M. on September 16, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization for Overnight Travel Re: City Manager Meeting

Stanchina requested authorization to attend the City's Manager's meeting in Marquette, Michigan, on October 10, 2019, with the cost of millage and one nights lodging.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to authorize the City's Manager's to attend a City Manager's meeting in Marquette, Michigan, on October 10, 2019, with the cost of millage and one nights lodging.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Code Enforcement Position

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the Police Department's hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer.

Medical Marihuana

Stanchina reported that medical marihuana license applications are being reviewed with an anticipated completion by this week.

Stanton St. Pickleball Courts and Playground

Stanchina notified the Council that the Pickleball courts are highly utilized, new playground equipment is being installed, an off- street parking area is being installed and a pavilion is being built at the Stanton St. Park.

Director of Public Works, Scott Thomas, confirmed that that the washed-out trail area adjacent to the disc golf area in City Park will not be a problem in the future.

Revord questioned the time table for harvesting the over-mature trees at City Park and the City's progress toward offering natural burials.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Lisa Riley - N1736 Spring Street, Vulcan MI

Riley stated that it would be necessary for a facility to provide medical marihuana and recreational marijuana in order to be profitable.

Council Member Privilege

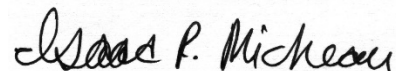
Alessandrini expressed his frustration for vandalism at City Park. He estimated that the 2019 Saturday in the Park event raised approximately \$20,000. Alessandrini outlined future park improvement plans.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer