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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Sewer Lift Station Electrical Upgrades" be added as item six under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Clawson to approve the minutes of January 20, 2020, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – Iron Mountain Tree Board Member

Feleppa updated the City Council on the progress of the W. A St. planting project and the availability of urban forestry brochures.

Brad Butler - 810 Truman St., Niagara, WI

Butler thanked the City Council for their consideration regarding the licensure of marijuana facilities. He requested clarification regarding the process that would be used to monitor each firm's completion of the proposed plan.

Old Business

None

New Business

Adoption of Investment Policy Re: Post-Employment Health Care Plan and Trust Fund

Stanchina

Stanchina conveyed that a Post-Employment Health Care Trust Fund has been established and the funds need to be invested. He explained that the Board would be separate for the Police and Fire Pension Fund, include the City Clerk and two City Council members and the City Manager would act as the investment manager. Alessandrini and Clawson volunteered to serve on the Post-Employment Health Care Trust Fund Board. Stanchina indicated that it would be significantly challenging to add a resident position on the Board at this time. Stanchina confirmed that the proposed investment policy's language is standard.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the City of Iron Mountain's Post-Employment Health Care Plan and Trust Plan's Investment Policy, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to appoint Council Members Alessandrini & Clawson to the City of Iron Mountain's Post-Employment Health Care Plan and Trust Plan.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of Charitable Gaming License Re: Friends of the Iron Mountain DDA

Stanchina presented the request for a Charitable Gaming License by the Friends of the Iron Mountain DDA for Council consideration.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Zemar to approve the resolution for a Charitable Gaming License for the Friends of the Iron Mountain DDA, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Board of Review Appointment Re: Theresa Guiliani

Stanchina relayed that Theresa Guiliani has been a long-term member of the Board and has expressed an interest in serving another term.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to appoint Theresa Guiliani to the Board of Review for a term to expire on January 1, 2023.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: IM-K Community Schools

Stanchina highlighted the positive impact of the Iron Mountain - Kingsford Community Schools' Summer Recreation Program and recommended that the Council approve the requested annual contribution of \$2,000.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve a contribution to the Iron Mountain - Kingsford Community Schools' Summer Recreation Program in the amount of \$2,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Quotes Re: Tree Cutting

Stanchina detailed the amended list of City trees that require removal. He noted that dead City trees are a liability.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to solicit quotes for the removal of City trees, as requested.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Sewer Lift Station Electrical Upgrades

Stanchina communicated that the sewage lift station at the west end of Pelham St. has been experiencing significant electrical issues due to antiquated equipment and that it would be preferable to include variable frequency drive compatible equipment, due to the potential of future cost savings, while performing the required improvements.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to authorize the solicitation of bids for Sewer Lift Station Electrical Upgrades at the west end of Pelham St.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Master Plan Survey

Stanchina imparted that 254 surveys have been taken so far.

Downtown Parking Request

Stanchina stated that the Infrastructure Committee is willing to consider Tina Anderson's request once additional input is provided by the Downtown Development Authority. Revord suggested that the businesses adjacent to Jean Kay's Pasties should be contacted regarding this issue.

Adult-Use Marijuana

Stanchina asserted that the detailed report is correct and that a process to monitor project follow-through is being considered. He informed the Council of the projects that are currently underway.

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Stanchina raised the issue of increased costs due to the Lead and Copper Rule, specifically as it would relate to the Water Fund being able to pay for street re-paving once new utilities are installed. He noted that rates may have to be increased to cover additional costs. Alessandrini stressed the importance of maintaining the City's paving program.

Stanchina verified that he is researching potential solutions to the continued maintenance issues at the Wal-Mart entrance that is adjacent to Tractor Supply.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee needs to meet to discuss the upcoming Gus Macker Tournament.

Public Comment

Casey Honeyager – General Manager of RIZE

Honeyager updated the City Council on their anticipated construction schedule.

Council Member Privilege

Maule requested that the snow banks at the entrance of the City Park snowshoeing trails be cleaned up. She questioned if the City should have to provide protected storage for trail grooming equipment.

The Council discussed the merits of proposing increased City Council compensation.

Clawson raised the issue of inaccessible fire hydrants.


Alessandrini commended the Department of Public Works for cleaning up the City's snow banks.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer