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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via electronic meeting.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Schinderle to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye-Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini, Revord & Maule

Nay-None

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of July 31, 2020, and August 3, 2020, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Proclamation Re: Gold Star Week

Stanchina stated that Joe Stevens is heading up the Gold Star Week festivities. Alessandrini read the proposed resolution. Clawson verified that there is an annual Gold Star Week celebration at the Veteran Affairs Hospital. It was moved by Clawson and supported by Maule to approve the Gold Star Week proclamation, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Cost Share for Utility Project Re: 1100 East Grant St.

Stanchina imparted that the extension of utilities to 1100 East Grant Street could allow for expansion of the City's service area. He recommended that the City pay for 50% of the pavement patching cost and materials for the utility line extension. He noted that the City cannot pay for any portion of the project that runs through private property.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the payment of \$8,050 to Morin Excavating and 50% of the final cost for the pavement patching.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Lease Agreement for Sewer Creek Right-of-Way Re: Erickson, Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

Stanchina outlined the sewer creek right-of-way located at the Erickson, Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

It was moved by Schinderle and supported by Clawson to approve the proposed Lease Agreement for Sewer Creek Right-of-Way utilized by the Erickson, Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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

Stanchina presented a request by the Kingsford High School to hold a cross country meet at the City Park trails on September 15, 2020, from 1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to grant the request by the Kingsford High School to hold a cross country meet at the City Park trails on September 15, 2020, from 1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Temporary Grading Easements Re: Water Service Lines

Stanchina explained the purpose of the temporary grading easements. Alessandrini highlighted the situations in which a Dickinson County Construction Code Commission permit would be required. Stanchina verified that special assessment financing could be discussed if the need arises.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to authorize the Mayor, Dale Alessandrini, to sign all Temporary Grading Easements for the West C Street Project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program

Stanchina indicated that a request for Deer Management Assistance Tags has been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and that baiting would not be permitted this year. Mattson clarified that non-firearm hunting is permitted on private property within the City.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Revord to approve the proposed resolution and guidelines for the 2020 Deer Management Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

July Payroll and 7/16/2020-8/12/2020 Claims

Alessandrini expressed concern for the high level of Fire Department overtime.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve Payroll in the amount of \$408,021.10 and Claims in the amount of \$449,668.60 with net claims being \$305,551.15.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

West C Street

Stanchina updated the Council on the status of the West C Street project.

Crystal Lake

Stanchina informed the City Council that water is being pumped at the intersection of West H Street and Kimberly Avenue into the storm drain at a rate of 500,000 gallons per day in an effort to reduce the flooding on the west side.

Lehman Ave./N. Kimberly Small Urban Paving

Stanchina notified the Council of the project's status.

Oktoberfest

Stanchina reported that the Downtown Development Authority has decided to cancel Oktoberfest this year due to sponsorship and COVID-19 concerns.

Master Plan

Revord communicated that the draft Master Plan is ready for Council review and that the document will be provided to each council member prior to the next meeting, when the establishment of a public hearing will be considered.

Madison Street Storm Sewer

Stanchina asserted that the City has repaired the Madison Street storm sewer line using City staff with a materials cost of approximately \$10,000. He stated that slip lining would not have been ideal in this situation.

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Tax Tribunal

Stanchina announced that a tax tribunal petition had been filed by Flagstar Bank. He indicated that there could be potential interest by other jurisdictions affected by Flagstar Bank petitions to join together in protecting the current taxable values.

Brush Pile/Asphalt/Salt

Stanchina raised resident-related issues with the brush, asphalt and salt piles at the Department of Public Works facility.

Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, relayed that the water lines that have been installed for the West C Street Project passed their pressure and bacteria tests.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola clarified that the Department of Natural Resources requires hunters to be 450' away from a dwelling without the homeowner's permission.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule noted that the City's Lake Antoine fishing pier has a goose dropping issue.

Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, presented his research on rubbing posts for the deer pen at City Park.

Stanchina stated that he would address the administrative employees cost of living increases during closed session and that time extensions for marijuana licensing may need to be considered due to COVID-19.

Closed Session Re: Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to move into Closed Session at 7:07 P.M.

Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Closed session ended at 7:19 P.M.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer