

# *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Schinderle

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of March 15, 2021, and March 29, 2021, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Bid Opening Re: 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD**

Stanchina opened the following bids to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD as shown below:

Company	Cost	
	Purchase	Deliver
MiDEAL	\$29,970	\$2 (433 miles)

Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, confirmed that Chrysler World and Riverside Auto Sales were provided bidding information. He relayed that a skid plate, upgraded tires and two spotlights would have to be added to the cost of the purchase.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to approve the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD through the MiDEAL program at a cost of \$29,970.00 plus the cost of adding a skid plate, upgraded tires and two spotlights.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **New Business**

### **Establish a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 74, Zoning Ordinance Re: Division 7. B-2 General Business District, Sec. 74-315-Site Development Standards, (4) Maximum Height.**

Stanchina detailed the benefits of increasing the maximum building height in a Business-2 zoning district from 40 feet to five stories, excluding mechanical penthouses, with taller buildings requiring a Special Use Permit. He verified that the Commercial Bank Building and VA Medical Center were built prior to the enactment of the current ordinance.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Clawson to set a public hearing for May 3, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. to amend Division 7. B-2 General Business District, Sec. 74-315-Site Development Standards, (4) Maximum Height.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Authorize City Manager to Digitally Sign MDOT State Trunkline Maintenance Contract**

Stanchina explained how the State's reimbursement process works and the need to approve an updated maintenance contract.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to approve City Manager, Jordan Stanchina, to digitally sign the MDOT State Trunkline Maintenance Contract #2019-0703, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Reconsideration of Bid Award Re: Truck Shop Lighting at Department of Public Works**

Stanchina recommended, upon further review of the bids, that the Truck Shop Lighting Upgrade Project that was awarded to M.J. Electric at a cost of \$13,770.00 be rescinded and be awarded to G. Brooks Electric at a cost of \$7,100.00.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to rescind the Truck Shop Lighting Upgrade Project bid to M.J. Electric at a cost of \$13,770.00.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to award the Truck Shop Lighting Upgrade Project bid award to G. Brooks Electric at a cost of \$7,100.00.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Resolution to Support Commercial Fishing in the Upper Peninsula**

Stanchina and Revord supported approving the Resolution to Support Commercial Fishing in the Upper Peninsula. Revord expressed his appreciation for Senator McBroom's help on this issue.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Resolution to Support Commercial Fishing in the Upper Peninsula, as written.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Resolution in Recognition of April 28<sup>th</sup> as Workers Memorial Day**

Alessandrini presented the Workers Memorial Day resolution.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to approve the Workers Memorial Day resolution, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Agreement Re: Trans Union Search Engine**

Stanchina and Mattson conveyed the usefulness of a Trans Union Search Engine subscription. Mattson confirmed that each search would be matched with a case number or log entry.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Revord to authorize the City to enter into a one-year contract with Trans Union to purchase their search engine at a cost of \$100.00 per month, for a period of one year.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Painting Interior Walls at Police and Fire Building**

Mattson relayed that he requested seven bids with only three responding; Zambon Decorating Company was the lowest bid at \$9,650.00. Alessandrini verified that sealed bids were not needed for projects under \$20,000.00.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve Zambon Decorating Company to paint the interior walls at the Police and Fire Building for a cost of \$9,650.00.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application Re: Police and Fire Pension**

Stanchina imparted that the City must file a Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application due to the Police and Fire Pension Fund temporarily dipping down to a 59.9% funded ratio, requiring a corrective action plan. He anticipated the waiver will be accepted as the annual actuarial report shows a 60% funded ratio.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Zemar to approve the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Waiver Application for the Police and Fire Pension Fund.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Consider Closure of Right-of-Way Re: Sol Blu Outdoor Bar Service**

Stanchina communicated that the City should allow Sol Blu to close two parking spaces for outdoor dining due to Covid-19 related capacity restrictions. Alessandrini indicated that the closure and barricading should not be at the City's expense. Revord stressed the importance of offering equal consideration of right-of-way closures for outdoor dining to all parts of the City. Stanchina explained that the outdoor dining/bar area is already permitted and that the right-of-way closure is what requires consideration. Blomquist communicated the opinion that business owners may be hesitant to invest in outdoor furnishings without a certainty of future utilization. Maule voiced her concern for the negative effect of noise on the adjacent second floor housing but supported the idea. Stanchina agreed that a curfew would be needed to manage noise. Stanchina reiterated Blomquist's sentiments regarding investment hesitancy. Maule supported offering additional outdoor dining opportunities long-term. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the request by Sol Blu Lounge & Tap Room to use City right-of-way as an outdoor seating area, as presented, pending a liability insurance policy naming the City of Iron Mountain as insured, social distancing signs are displayed, a 12:00 A.M. curfew is followed and music is not played.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Write-Off Re: Uncollectable Accounts Receivable**

Stanchina indicated that invoice number 2662 was initiated due to boarding up a tax foreclosed property at 308 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He relayed that the invoice for \$193.09 is uncollectable due to the property being sold at auction. It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to write off invoice number 2662 in the amount of \$193.09.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Parade Route Re: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Stanchina imparted that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade would be held at 9:00 A.M. on July 3, 2021, due to July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on a Sunday this year. He noted that the parade would close the northern side of Woodward Ave. to Carpenter Ave., Carpenter Ave. from Woodward to H St. and H St. from Carpenter Ave. to the Midtown Mall entrance. It was moved by Maule and supported by Clawson to approve the proposed July 3, 2021, parade route and to close the northern side of Woodward Ave. to Carpenter Ave., Carpenter Ave. from Woodward to H St. and H St. from Carpenter Ave. to the Midtown Mall entrance.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Special Assessment Re: Water Supply Collections of Rates and Charges**

Stanchina outlined the required procedure per City Ordinance Sec. 66-112 for delinquent water account special assessments.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the special assessing of delinquent water accounts, as listed, per City Ordinance Section 66-112.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

Stanchina reported on the completion status of the City's marijuana licensees, a MML Lead-Copper Rule funding update, Stanton Street paving concerns and upcoming leaf collection.

Alessandrini stated the need for longer hours of operation at the bailer on Saturdays.

Clawson questioned the status of the lawn restoration work that was completed last fall along W. C Street.

Revord noted an area that needs lawn restoration at the intersection of Vulcan St. and Margaret St.

Stanchina announced that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant application has been submitted.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

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**Committee Reports**

Stanchina reported that the Infrastructure Committee had met to discuss a possible right-of-way vacation.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Alessandrini voiced the need to aggressively address blight issues.

**Closed Session Re: Discuss with the City's Attorney Trial and/or Settlement Strategy in the Pending Matter Involving AKIC V. City**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to move into Closed Session at 7:08 P.M.

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

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

Closed session ended at 7:35 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to approve the settlement in AKIC v. City.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer