

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*MAY 17, 2021

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Pro Tem Revord

Present: Members Maule, Blomquist & Clawson

Absent: Members Alessandrini & Zemar

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina asked that “No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Iron Mountain Public Schools 5th Grade” and “Planning Commission Appointment Re: Mrs. Megan Blomquist” be added as items 7a and 11 under New Business, respectively.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of May 3, 2021, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lisa Riley – Life Long Natural Solutions Owner

Riley announced that her pre-qualification application has been submitted to the State of Michigan.

Public Hearing

Adoption of the FYE June 30, 2022 Budget

Revord and Maule complimented the City staff on their efforts to complete the budget.

Revord opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Revord closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Adoption of the FYE June 30, 2022 Budget

Stanchina reviewed the June 30, 2022, budget. He noted that the budget was balanced without increasing the operating millage, a 5.0% increase in water and sewer consumption rates are planned and that the pension cost for new hires has declined to a sustainable level. Revord and Blomquist imparted their appreciation for the staff efforts preparing the budget. Stanchina highlighted that the water and sewer funds will show as a combined fund.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to adopt the FYE June 30, 2020 Budget, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to increase water and sewer consumption rates by 5.0%.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Bid Award Re: Air Conditioning Unit at City Hall

Stanchina conveyed that the low bid for the air conditioning unit at City Hall was Universal Plumbing and Heating at a cost of \$4,200. He relayed that the unit to be installed would have a 13 SEER rating.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to award the installation of a 13 SEER AC unit at City Hall to Universal Plumbing and Heating at a cost of \$4,200.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Establish a Public Hearing Re: Vacate 6th St. Between Chapin St. and Stephenson Ave.

Stanchina presented a request by Mountain Engineering to vacate an undeveloped section of 6th St. adjacent to Bill Neuens' Ice Cream Barn development.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to establish a public hearing to consider the vacation of an undeveloped section of 6th St. between Chapin Street and US-2 at 6:00 P.M. on June 7, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request to Join Michigan MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System)

Mattson explained the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) program and noted that Kingsford is the only community in the county that he is aware of that is not participating in the program. Stanchina communicated his appreciation for the uniform expectations MABAS sets regarding equipment and resources.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Revord to approve the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Parking Lot and Street Closure Re: Italian Fest, Oktoberfest and Out to Lunch

Stanchina detailed the request by Downtown Development Manager Amber Pipp to close parking lots and streets for Italian Fest, Oktoberfest and Out to Lunch.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Clawson to approve the partial closure and use of the City parking lot at the intersection of East Hughitt Street and Iron Mountain Street. directly in front of the stage and Iron Mountain Street between "A" Street and Hughitt Street be closed during the Out to Lunch performance every Thursday from June 10, 2021 through August 12, 2021 for the annual concert series; closure of the parking lot adjacent to Iron Mountain St., except the area where the Farmer's Market sets up, between East A Street and Hughitt Street and Iron Mountain Street from East A Street to Hughitt Street from 7:00AM, August 13, 2021, until 11:00 AM, August 15, 2021, and 7:00AM September 24, 2021, until 11:00 AM on September 26, 2021, with full access to utilities for Italian Fest and Oktoberfest; and waiver of the noise ordinance until midnight for the Italian Fest and Oktoberfest dates.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Stanton St. Sewer Repairs

Stanchina outlined the proposed Stanton St. Sewer Repair project and suggested that the project be bid out to see what options are available.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to authorize the solicitation of bids for the Stanton Street Sewer Repair project with bids to be due by 4:00 P.M. on June 7, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Parking Lot Closure Re: Farmer's Market

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve the closure of a portion of the City-owned parking lot, directly behind the Downtown Plaza, every Saturday from June 5, 2021, through October 16, 2021, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Farmer's Market.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of 2021-2022 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League

Stanchina submitted the 2021-2022 Dues for the Michigan Municipal League for Council consideration and confirmed that they are the only advocacy group the City contributes to.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to approve a payment in the amount of \$4,724.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for 2021-2022 dues.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: North Elementary K/EK

Stanchina indicated that the North Elementary Kindergarten/Early Kindergarten teachers and Iron Mountain Elementary PTO are requesting a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental on May 26, 2021, and May 27, 2021, respectively, for end of the year activities.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to authorize a no-charge City Park Pavilion Rental on May 26, 2021, for the North Elementary Kindergarten/Early Kindergarten teachers and May 27, 2021, for the Iron Mountain Elementary PTO to hold end of the year activities.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Ward 3 Council Vacancy Appointment

Stanchina confirmed that Cathy Tomassoni was the only applicant to fill the vacant Ward 3 City Council Member position.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Maule to appoint Cathy Tomassoni as Ward 3 City Council Member.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Planning Commission Appointments Re: Mr. Jonathan Ringel & Mrs. Megan Blomquist

Stanchina stated that Ringel and Blomquist have been serving on the Commission. Revord voiced his appreciation for their service.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Maule to appoint Mr. Jonathan Ringel & Mrs. Megan Blomquist to the Planning Commission for terms to expire on May 19, 2024.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Charitable Gaming License Re: Moving Mountains Adaptive Program

Stanchina presented a request by Moving Mountains Adaptive Program to approve a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Moving Mountain Adaptive Program, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

April Payroll and 04/15/2021-05/12/2021 Claims

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve Payroll in the amount of \$411,272.04 and Claims in the amount of \$558,056.85 with net claims being \$351,004.92.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported that the annual Spring Household Waste Drop Off will be held at the Department of Public Works from May 20, 2021, until May 22, 2021, and he attended a UP regional housing discussion regarding development strategy. He noted that he would look into places where items containing freon may be disposed. Stanchina announced that DDA Manager Amber Pipp has submitted her resignation and the hiring process has been initiated.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Clawson expressed his appreciation for the detailed code enforcement report.

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Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 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