

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*August 2, 2021

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Pickup Truck for Public Works

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Company	Model	Amount	Del. Fee
MiDEAL(LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Lansing)	Ram 1500	\$18,428.00	\$2/Mile
Jorgensen Ford-Detroit, MI	Ford F150	\$31,280.00	NA
Town & Country Ford-Iron Mountain, MI	Ford F150	\$23,849.76	NA

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Clawson to award the purchase of a 2021 Ram 1500 to LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Lansing at a cost of \$18,428.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Discussion of Designated Hours for Pickleball Courts

Stanchina presented a plan to limit the time of play at the City's pickleball courts to no later than 6:00 P.M. to limit the duration of noise issues. Alessandrini invited public comment.

Scott McClure - 1001 E. F St.

McClure noted that pickleball is a very popular sport and that the pickleball courts are great. He voiced his appreciation for the courts being offered and how beneficial they have been for the community.

Brian Freeman – N3090 Williams Dr.

Freeman communicated that the noise ordinance is vague. He outlined options to reduce the noise emitted by the pickleball courts.

Ed Mattson, Director of Police and Fire Services, explained the reason for the noise ordinance's wording.

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Roxanne Hudson – 816 Blaine St.

Hudson expressed the opinion that the noise from the pickleball courts is so disruptive that she can't open her windows or garden in the backyard. She stated that paddles are available that help decrease the noise level.

Steve Strand – 1107 E. E St.

Strand reported that he has not heard any profanity being used when he was present at the courts and that a 6:00 P.M. curfew will be a challenge for working people.

Mark Schinderle – Norway, MI

Schinderle imparted that the pickleball court noise can be a joyful noise and be further reduced by using certain paddles. He relayed that the courts being open in the evening is a benefit for working people.

Bill Stephenson – 940 Michigan Ave.

Stephenson conveyed that approximately \$12,000 of grant funds is left to address landscaping. He suggested that the landscaping could help when it matures.

Zack Fix – 916 E. Grant St.

Fix reiterated that working people need to have the availability to use the pickleball courts in the evening.

Vicky Wheeler– 723 Saginaw St., Norway

Wheeler stated that it would be challenging to require a new/visiting player to use a specific paddle and usage could be curtailed, negatively affecting tourism.

Mattson echoed the sentiment that paddle enforcement would be challenging and that he would prefer to offer a recommendation.

Scott McClure - 1001 E. F St.

He indicated that he would put recommendations on the pickleball website.

Maule imparted that the pickleball courts build community, encourage exercise and increase tourism.

Stanchina noted that the sound of playing tennis is louder than pickleball by a decibel and pickleball has a worse frequency and pitch.

Revord relayed that a sound curtain would be preferable and that he was not in support of limiting court availability.

Alessandrini indicated that it would be better to not restrict usage due to limited complaints.

Blomquist voiced the opinion that it would be best for the City to not make a formal rule to limit hours due to the precedent it would set. He conveyed that neighborly actions would be preferable.

Revord and Clawson echoed the sentiments that the usage times should not be limited.

Clawson supported not limiting the hours and further efforts to suppress noise levels.

Maule stated that she hopes no retaliatory activity is taking place.

Tomassoni highlighted that the evening hours will decrease with the season and that working people should be able to use the courts.

Bill Schultz indicated that he is working on the landscaping

No Action Taken

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Letter of Understanding Re: AFSCME

Stanchina presented a letter of understanding (LOA) to allow an employee to take a "Leave of Absence" until the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) starts while keeping the employer/employee cost share agreement in place. Stanchina verified that the LOA will cost the City about \$2,000 and will not set a precedent. Clawson disagreed that precedent would not be established in a practical sense. Blomquist imparted that this situation will occur on a limited basis.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the Letter of Understanding with AFSCME regarding the usage of a leave of absence, as submitted.

Blomquist Aye
Clawson Nay
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Maule Aye
Tomassoni Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Letter of Understanding Iron Mountain Police Officer Association Re: Anniversary to Calendar Year Annual Leave Transaction

Stanchina outlined the Letter of Understanding (LOA) with the Iron Mountain Police Officer Association regarding the transition of Anniversary to Calendar Year annual leave.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve the letter of understanding with the Iron Mountain Police Officer Association regarding the anniversary to calendar year annual leave transaction, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Understanding Iron Mountain Police Lieutenants Association Re: Anniversary to Calendar Year Annual Leave Transaction

It was moved by Maule and supported by Tomassoni to approve the letter of understanding with the Iron Mountain Police Lieutenants Association regarding anniversary to calendar year annual leave transaction, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Portable 800mhz Radios Re: Police Department

Stanchina noted that two portable 800mhz radios have been budgeted for the Police Department and need to be ordered.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to purchase two portable 800mhz radios from Motorola Solutions for the Police Department.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Update Policy Re: #101 Conflict of Interest

Stanchina recommended that the City adopt the presented conflict of interest policy in advance of ARPA funds being released.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve Policy #101, Conflict of Interest, as proposed.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement Re: MIDNR – Forest Resources Division

Stanchina presented the MIDNR Forest Resources Division Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement renewal. He explained that the City must participate in this agreement to receive surplus equipment. Mattson detailed the equipment that the City is going to request.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve the Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the status of the Detroit St. sewer line replacement project, that the Labor Relations Committee has been meeting and that the Iron Mountain and Kingsford football teams helped collect flags at Cemetery Park.

Revord conveyed that the cemetery looks great.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule reported that the cemetery looks good.

Tomassoni asked who collected the Bird Scooters when they get damaged. Stanchina confirmed that he received the correspondence from Mr. Welcher regarding street paving.

Alessandrini urged people to get the Covid-19 vaccine.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer