

# *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, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, Revord, Stohl, Ceello & Blomquist

Absent: Council Member List

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2017*

It was moved by Ceello and supported by Stohl to approve the minutes of February 20, 2017, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2017*

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Ceello to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Special Presentation**

*Resolution in Recognition of Service Re: Fire Department Engineer Perry Tompkins*

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Maule to approve the Resolution in Recognition of Service for Fire Department Engineer Perry Tompkins, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Resolution in Recognition of Service Re: Public Works Sewerman II Mike Barlow*

It was moved by Maule and supported by Stohl to approve the Resolution in Recognition of Service for Public Works Sewerman II Mike Barlow, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Resolution in Recognition of Service Re: Police Department Deputy Director Michael Mooney*

Alessandrini read the Resolution of Recognition for Michael Mooney into the record. Alessandrini presented Mooney his Resolution of Recognition and retirement watch.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve the Resolution in Recognition of Service for Police Department Deputy Director Michael Mooney, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Public Hearing**

**Zoning Ordinance (74-553) Text Amendment Re: Special Use Permits**

Stanchina reviewed the text amendment to Zoning Ordinance 74-553 regarding Special Use Permits.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

**Removing April from the Winter Parking Ban**

Stanchina detailed the ordinance amendment regarding the removal of April from the Winter Parking Ban.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

**Old Business**

**Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Re: Special Use Permits**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the amendment of Chapter 74, Article VIII, Section 553 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the scheduling of public hearings at a special meeting and require a minimum notification period of not less than 15 days for hearing notices.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Consideration of removing April from the Winter Parking Ban**

Stanchina expressed the opinion that if a snow storm occurs in April, the standing snow will dissipate quickly.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to amend Chapter 62, Article III, Division IV, Subdivision III, Sections 132, 151 & 152 of the City Code of Ordinances to remove the month of April from the Winter Parking Ban.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Resolution to Establish Tax Exemption Certificate Criteria Re: Commercial Rehabilitation District**

Stanchina outlined the Tax Exemption Certificate Criteria for the Commercial Rehabilitation District for approval. He verified that the City retains some flexibility. Stanchina stated that he is confirming the eligibility of projects that occurred prior to program approval.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed tax exemption certificate criteria for the Commercial Rehabilitation District.

Maule Aye

Revord Nay

Alessandrini Aye

Stohl Aye

Ceello Aye

Blomquist Aye

**Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)**

**New Business**

**Medical First Responder Mutual Aid Agreement**

Stanchina explained the rationale for approving this agreement. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, communicated that the City would not be taking on additional liability and that a call-out procedure would be in place.

Stanchina confirmed that the City could end this agreement at any time. Mattson stressed the value of having additional staff available on-site. Ceello voiced his support of the agreement. Mattson estimated that the City would spend less than \$200 per year on this program. He indicated that his monthly report will reflect runs and that the contract already requires the Fire Department to be trained in this area.

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It was moved by Stohl and supported by Maule to approve the mutual aid agreement between Beacon Ambulance Service and the City of Iron Mountain.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to approve the mutual aid agreement between Integrity Care EMS and the City of Iron Mountain.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Request to Purchase City-Owned Property**

Stanchina relayed a request by Mr. Kyle Fortier to purchase 6.1 acres of City-owned property located to the east of the Timbestone Golf Course. He imparted that the property would be logged and that the next step would be to determine the property's value. Revord noted his concern for placing an additional commitment on this property at this time. Stohl highlighted that an easement to the property may be required.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to move forward with the request by Mr. Kyle Fortier to purchase 6.1 acres of City-owned property located to the east of the Timbestone Golf Course, as noted in the Real Estate Sales Policy.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Request for Proposals Re: Master Plan Update**

Stanchina conveyed that the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act requires the City to update its Master Plan every five years. He asserted that the goal of this amendment would be to make the document user-friendly. Blomquist suggested that an alternate be included in the RFP for the creation of a separate downtown plan as outlined in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Plan.

It was moved by Stohl and supported by Maule to approve a request for proposal for the amendment of the City's Master Plan and the creation of a separate downtown plan, as outlined in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Plan, to be due on April 3, 2017, at 4:00 P.M.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Increase in Legal Fee Cap for Foster Swift PC Re: Tax Tribunal Case**

Stanchina recommended that the spending cap be increased to \$10,000 for legal fees at Foster Swift PC relating to the City's current tax tribunal case. He notified the City Council on the current status of the case.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to increase the spending cap to \$10,000 for legal fees at Foster Swift PC relating to the City's current tax tribunal case.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Sister City Relationship between the City of Sassoferrato, Italy, and the City of Iron Mountain*

Stanchina informed the City Council that Sassoferrato approved a resolution to begin a sister city relationship with the City of Iron Mountain for a ten-year period.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Stohl to agree to the ten-year duration of covenant, upon mutual agreement, as requested by the City of Sassoferrato.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Stanchina reported that garbage collection has been moved from the alleys. He explained the process for deciding which roads within the City will be paved.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

### **Committee Reports**

Alessandrini indicated that a Friends of City Park meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

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**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Blomquist noted that Commonwealth Development will be resubmitting their request for funding for the Central School project on April 3, 2017. Alessandrini and Revord stressed the importance of the City Council getting information in advance.

Stohl congratulated the Iron Mountain girls basketball team and wished the Iron Mountain boys basketball team good luck on their seasons.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer