

## *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, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Saldana, Zemar & Blomquist

Absent: None

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Alessandrini asked that "Accept Proposal to Construct a Pavilion Near the Bat Cave Trail Observation Deck Re: IM-K Rotary" be moved from item one under New Business to item four, moving the remaining items down accordingly.

It was moved by List and supported by Zemar 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 September 4, 2018, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Accept Proposal to Construct a Pavilion Near the Bat Cave Trail Observation Deck Re: IM-K Rotary**

Stanchina presented the plans for the pavilion near the Bat Cave Trail Observation Deck that the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Rotary is donating to the City.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to accept the proposed pavilion near the Bat Cave Trail Observation Deck from the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Rotary as presented per the drawings; pending proper permits have been obtained.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Re: Systems Control**

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

*Lois Ellis-Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance*

Ellis imparted that Systems Control is the largest employer in the area and that it is very important to retain them.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

#### **Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Re: Hillcrest Realty LLC (dba Erickson Jewelers)**

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

*Lois Ellis-Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance*

Ellis voiced her support for the tax exemption due to its positive impact on the downtown.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

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### **Ordinance to Regulate and Allow Mini/Potbelly Pigs**

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

### **New Business**

#### **Approval of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Re: Systems Control**

Stanchina conveyed that the longest term Systems Control would agree to not take the City to the Michigan Tax Tribunal is three year and that the City is not in an ideal bargaining position. He stated the importance of supporting their future growth and that their exemption is transferable if the company were to be sold. Alessandrini communicated his support for Systems' further growth and concern that business is being subsidized by the taxpayers. Maule questioned what would occur if the Council voted no on the abatement. Stanchina noted that awarding the abatement is a show of good will. Blomquist clarified that the tax revenue from this expansion in new money either way. Revord relayed the sentiments that the Michigan Tax Tribunal is at fault for the current assessment issues, not Systems Control. Maule agreed with Revord. Alessandrini reiterated Revord's opinion but stressed that there are financial issues with the community. Stanchina explained the issues concerning the tax tribunal judgments.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the "Resolution Approving an IFT Application" and "IFE Agreement/Abatement Contract between the City of Iron Mountain and Northern Star Industries, Inc.", as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval of Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Re: Hillcrest Realty LLC (dba Erickson Jewelers)**

Stanchina reviewed the application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate by Hillcrest Realty LLC, dba Erickson Jewelers. He indicated that the exemption would be for six years, two years less than originally estimated due to the value calculation. Alessandrini stated that he received a phone call by a business owner opposing this abatement as it subsidizes business. Stanchina highlighted that this project is exactly what the exemption was created for; it encouraged the rehabilitation of an underutilized building.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the "Resolution To Approve A Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application, PA 210 of 2005, As Amended", as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Consider Adoption Re: Ordinance to Regulate and Allow Mini/Potbelly Pigs**

Stanchina detailed the proposed ordinance and stated he received no feedback regarding the ordinance. Revord questioned if pigs would be able to use the dog park. Zemar asserted that it would not be a good idea to have dogs and pigs together.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to approve the ordinance amendment to regulate and allow mini/potbelly pigs.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Amend Ballot Proposal Language Re: School Liaison Officer Millage**

Stanchina reported that the School Liaison Officer millage cannot be placed on the November ballot due to the approved dates in the ballot language requiring an amendment after the submission deadline. Stanchina suggested that the Council approve the ballot language with 2019 as the first year being levied and the assessment term being 2019-2023 in the event the language could be placed on the ballot.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to amend the ballot language for the School Liaison Officer to include 2019 as the first year being levied and the assessment term being 2019-2023.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Approval to Purchase SCBAs and Related Equipment Re: Fire Department**

Stanchina informed the City Council that SCBAs need to be purchased for the Fire Department as the current equipment will not pass inspection. He noted that the City had been unable to receive a grant toward this purchase and that the cost, from the sole source provider, would be \$142,914. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, confirmed that the old equipment is not suitable for training and that he has been unable to figure out why the City has not been award a grant toward this purchase.

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It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to approve the purchase of SCBAs and other related equipment for the Fire Department from 5 Alarm at a cost of \$142,914 per Section 2-280, Sole Source Service Exemption.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**August Claims and Payroll**

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$386,050.56 and Claims in the amount of \$4,231,371.40 with net claims being \$340,222.40.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**City Manager Reports**

Stanchina conveyed that no paving is taking place in Michigan due to a labor strike and that paving prices will be held until spring.

Stanchina imparted that the bids for the Small Urban project on Vulcan Street had a low bid of \$529,154 and an engineer's estimate of \$382,445. He relayed that he rejected the bids and is reviewing the specifications. Stanchina confirmed that the City will still receive Small Urban funds when the project is rebid.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

Alessandrini indicated that he will be attending a Dickinson County Construction Code Commission Meeting tomorrow night.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Revord asked who he calls about a street light being out.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer