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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: City Attorney Pirkola

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

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 Zemar to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Catherine Clawson – 700 W. A Street Owner of quilting business at corner of S. Stephenson and E. B St.
Requested that the Council consider changing a parking spot to a “loading zone” area on the corner of S. Stephenson and E B Street. She stated that her clients who take quilting classes often need to carry sewing equipment from vehicles and with the weather change would like to unload closer to the entrance. Ed Mattson, Director of Police and Fire was present and stated that it would be allowable for clients to park in front of the first parking spot with their hazard lights on while unloading. Stanchina commented that he would not like to set a precedence that would result in losing more parking spots downtown. Stanchina also recommended that clients use the area in front of the first parking space to load or unload with their hazards on.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Pavement Roller

Fabic – Marquette, MI

2017 1188 hours \$15,500 minus trade in of \$1,500 for final cost of \$14,000

2016 256 hours \$31,000 minus trade in of \$1,500 for final cost of \$29,500

Miller Bradford – Negaunee, MI

2008 3100 hours \$15,000 minus trade in of \$500 for a final cost of \$14,500

Alta Equipment – Byron Center, MI

2014-15 650 hours 26,500 minus trade in of \$1,000 for a final cost of \$25,500

2018 New for a final cost of \$44,489

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to refer the bids to staff.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

Establish a Public Hearing Re: Vacate Alley of Block 8 Walpoles Addition (1000 Block of East C and East D)

Stanchina presented a request by Representative Beau LaFave to vacate the public right of way for the alley of Block 7 and 8 Walpoles Addition owned by his parents Joseph and Betty LaFave. Stanchina stated that a review by staff recommended that only Block 8 should be considered.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to set a public hearing to Vacate the Alley of Block 8 Walpoles Addition on December 17, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Request to Purchase Military Service Credit Re: Lt. Weslin

Stanchina outlined a request by Lt. Michael Weslin to purchase military time service credit. The committee met and discussed Lt. Weslin's request. It was determined Lt. Weslin could purchase 2 years at a cost of 5% of the member's full-time or equated full-time compensation for the fiscal year.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to grant Lt. Michael Weslin's request to purchase military time service credit as determined.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Street Closure Re: Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting

Stanchina outlined a request from DDA Event Coordinator Amber Pipp to close Ludington St. adjacent to the First National Bank during the tree lighting. The closure would be from Stephenson Ave. east to the alley.

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to approve the request to close the portion of Ludington St. adjacent to the bank during the tree lighting.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Agreement Re: CGI Communications

Stanchina noted that CGI Communications who provide a "Community Welcome Video" for the City's website would like to reshoot the video and add some new content. Stanchina added that there is no cost to the City for any part of the video.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the request by CGI Communications to reshoot video and update content for the "Community Welcome Video".

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of City Civil Service Commission Appointment Re: Mr. Jeff Freeman

Stanchina outlined Mr. Freeman's interest in serving an additional term on the City Civil Service Commission. He noted that Mr. Freeman was approved by both unions but also needs City Council Approval.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to appoint Mr. Jeff Freeman to the City Civils Service Commission.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Tree Board Appointment Re: Mr. Dennis Bal

Stanchina outlined Mr. Bal's interest in serving an additional term on the Tree Board.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to appoint Mr. Bal to the Tree Board.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

FY 2018-19 First Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report

Stanchina introduced the Revenue and Expenditure Report.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to place the Revenue and Expenditure Report on File.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Annual Investment Report

Stanchina introduced the Annual Investment Report.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Lists to place the Annual Investment Report on File.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

October Claims and Payroll

Alessandrini noted that overtime was high in the Police and Fire Departments. Mattson stated that the Police Department overtime was due to shift coverage and that paid part-time firefighters are getting harder to find. He indicated that overtime is cheaper than hiring additional staff.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$312,330.68 and Claims in the amount of \$597,222.60 with net claims being \$501,127.08.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina notified the Council that 32 deer had been harvested which is good considering hunting on Millie Hill was shut down two weeks ago for the timber harvest.

LED Street Light Update

Stanchina informed the council that he met with WE Energies to discuss their LED Street Lighting Program. WE Energies maintains 767 street lights within the City of Iron Mountain. Current monthly charge for street lighting is \$11,600.91 a month or \$139,210.92 annually. An upgrade to LED, if done all at once, would have an upfront cost of \$146,995 and the monthly cost would increase to \$12,795.17 or \$153,542.04 annually for the first 7 years. After that, the monthly cost would drop to \$7,289.40 or 87,472.80 annually. The investment would take 12 years to recover and then the City would save \$51,738 annually. Stanchina noted that this would be an item for the Infrastructure Committee to meet and discuss more affordable replacement scenarios.

Leaf Pickup

Stanchina noted that the DPW is still attempting to pickup where possible. Alessandrini expressed interest in looking at options next year to allow for a longer window for pickup.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule commended the DDA for a successful "Girls Night Out"

List thanked the DPW for responding to her request to fix some pot holes. List wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Revord asked about the status of logging on Millie Hill. Stanchina noted that they are two weeks into harvest but did not see any leaving yet so the harvesting is still in progress. Revord asked Stanchina to put a reminder to the Forester regarding the fencing around the pit. Revord inquired about how one would get involved with the DDA Board. Stanchina noted that the board is currently full but to contact Paula Craven to see about openings on the associated DDA committees.

Blomquist commented that the Planning Board has at least one opening and it is getting harder to reach quorum.

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Alessandrini informed the council that he received an anonymous check in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for improvements and maintenance at the Lake Antoine peninsula and noted that he would like to assess what can be done this summer. Alessandrini expressed concern about issues of blight and interest in stiffening up the ordinance to address things like unsightly household items such as old toilets and vehicles left in yards. He expressed disappointment in the process and timetables of remediating some of the blight issues. Alessandrini requested that this issue be sent to the Infrastructure Committee.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Sara L. Chandler
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer