

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

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member List

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

### **Approval of Agenda**

Alessandrini asked that "Letter of Understanding Re: POLC K.I.N.D. Coordinator" be added as item four under Old Business.

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

**Vacate Alley Re: Block 8 Walpoles Addition (1000 Block of East C and East D)**

Stanchina indicated that he received no feedback regarding the vacation.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

### **Old Business**

**Consider Vacation of Alley Re: Block 8 Walpoles Addition (1000 Block of East C and East D)**

Stanchina voiced his support for the alley vacation. He confirmed that the alley right-of-way would become the property of the adjacent property owners, add to their property values, and that the vacated right-of-way would be split equally.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to vacate the alley located in Block 8 of Walpoles Addition.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion of Medical Marihuana**

Stanchina relayed the possibility that allowing medical marihuana could lead to recreational marihuana being permitted. He outlined the items to be considered in the event the Council chooses to move forward with permitting medical marihuana. Zemar imparted the importance of providing quality control for marihuana. Blomquist stated the opinion that individuals who want to purchase marihuana could do so in a neighboring county and bring it into town. Alessandrini noted that Proposal One, allowing recreational marihuana, passed in Wards 2 and 3. Stanchina explained the proposed municipal revenue formula. Revord and Alessandrini supported moving forward with the permitting of medical marihuana. Maule questioned how usage would be tracked and if there are studies regarding long-term effects. Zemar attested to the health benefits of medical marihuana. Stanchina conveyed that medical testing has been limited due to marihuana being a schedule one drug by the federal government. Maule asserted that a public forum should be held regarding this topic. Blomquist and



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**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**November Claims and Payroll**

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$378,746.15 and Claims in the amount of \$438,793.73 with net claims being \$348,733.55.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Saldana exited at 6:46 P.M.

**City Manager Reports**

*Deer Management*

Stanchina informed the City Council that 42 deer have been harvested this year, an increase of six deer from last year.

*Tire Grant*

Stanchina reported that the tire grant was maxed out at 1,500 tires. He verified that the City can't use the program.

Stanchina confirmed that the City still gives board members gift cards.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

Alessandrini noted that the P.A. 281 of 2016 committee had met.

**Public Comment**

*Dave Fraser - 414 W. Fleshier St.*

Fraser communicated that key words in signage can be regulated by the City Council; dispensaries should not need to be 1,000 feet from a church; there has not been a lot of marihuana violence since medical marihuana was approved; a person can't overdose on marihuana; his attorney Abbey Anderson would be willing to share information with the City Attorney at no cost; marihuana helps with pain management and that several types of medical marihuana facilities don't require any kind of signage.

*Dr. Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.*

Feleppa relayed that there are some benefits to marihuana but that legitimate medical studies need to be done regarding long-term use. She indicated that a better test for over-consumption needs to be developed and that kids and pregnant women need to avoid it all together. Feleppa suggested that it would be best to limit the number of dispensaries initially and add additional if needed.

**Council Member Privilege**

Blomquist, Saldana, Maule, Revord and Alessandrini wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Alessandrini thanked Department of Public Works Supervisor Scott Thomas for fixing Grant Street.

Mattson explained the current testing procedures for over-consumption of marihuana. He conveyed that an improved quantitative test would be nice, but is not required to address impaired driving.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer