

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, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Saldana to approve the minutes of March 18, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Request to purchase City-Owned Real Estate by Kyle and Jackie Fortier

Stanchina reviewed the request by Kyle and Jackie Fortier to purchase four acres of City-owned property at the end of Hillcrest Dr.

Carla Kramer - 235 W. Lincoln St.

Kramer objected to the sale due to the loss of recreation area for the adjacent neighborhood and the price of the lot being too low. She suggested that the lot be sold on an auction basis.

Old Business

Consider Sale of City-Owned Real Estate to Kyle and Jackie Fortier

Alessandrini explained the challenges to developing the lot and how they affect the sale price. Maule imparted that ample land is still available for recreation. Alessandrini communicated that there are ample recreational opportunities within the City and that additional tax base is needed. Kramer asserted that City Park is a long distance from her neighborhood.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve the sale of City-owned property to Kyle and Jackie Fortier, as presented.

Maule	Aye
List	Aye
Revord	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Blomquist	Abstain
Saldana	Aye

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

Bid Award Re: 2019 Paving Program

Stanchina recommended awarding the 2019 Paving Program project to Bacco Construction Co. at a cost of \$592,812.00.

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It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to award the 2019 Paving Program project to Bacco Construction Co. at a cost of \$592,812.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Approval of Resolution Re: TEDF Category B Funding

Stanchina outlined the TEDF Category B Grant Funding Program.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by List to approve the resolution for TEDF Category B Grant Funding Program, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Report of Water Supply Charges Unpaid in Excess of Three Months

Stanchina reported the water supply charges unpaid in excess of three months to the Council and requested that they order the publication of an advertisement to that effect per Section 66-113 of the City Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to order the publication of an advertisement notifying residents of the assessment of water supply charges unpaid in excess of three months per Section 66-113 of the City Code of Ordinances.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

No-Charge City Park Pavilion Rental Re: Iron Mountain Schools PTO

Stanchina presented a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental request by the Iron Mountain Schools PTO.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to approve a no-charge City Park Pavilion rental request to the Iron Mountain Schools PTO on June 5, 2019, pending the submission of a \$75 security deposit.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Contribution Re: IM-K Community Schools

Stanchina asked that the City Council grant a donation request by the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Community Schools in the amount of \$2,000 for the Summer Recreation Program.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to grant a \$2,000 donation to the Iron Mountain – Kingsford Community Schools Summer Recreation Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

DDA Appointment Re: Megan Blomquist

Stanchina conveyed his support for the appointment of Megan Blomquist to another four-year term on the Downtown Development Authority.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to appoint Megan Blomquist to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 4, 2023.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

2019/2020 Budget

Stanchina announced that the first budget workshop will be on April 8, 2019.

Opioid Litigation

Alessandrini and Revord indicated an interest in reviewing the City's costs related to opioid issues.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of green burials.

City Attorney Reports

None

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Committee Reports

Stanchina relayed that the committee had met to discuss a merit-based application regarding medical marihuana licenses and that a draft application is anticipated to be presented at the next meeting. Stanchina verified that zoning would be addressed when the medical marihuana regulations are approved.

Public Comment

Don Jokinen – 710 Hemlock St.

Jokinen noted that the road adjacent to his property is in need of repair.

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina stated that engineering proposals for the C St. and Lake St. project will be awarded at the next meeting and that the Master Plan proposal is being reviewed.

Saldana thanked the Department of Public Works for installing the regulatory signs by Contrast Coffee.

Alessandrini, Saldana and Stanchina clarified that the City encourages business development in the City and does not block commercial projects. Blomquist, Revord and Stanchina expressed the opinion that our recent business closures are part of a larger national trend.

Alessandrini thanked the Department of Public Works for fixing Main St.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer