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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member List

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that “Consideration of Worker’s Memorial Day Proclamation & Resolution” be added as item three under New Business.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule 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 April 1, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lawerance Sobson – District Forester at the Dickinson Conservation District

Sobson introduced himself and offered his assistance as the new District Forester at the Dickinson Conservation District.

Dennis Tousignant – Polich Tousignant Law Offices / Iron River, MI

Tousignant communicated that there are viable medical marihuana operations awaiting the opportunity to establish facilities in Iron Mountain. Alessandrini imparted that the City is exercising due diligence given the nature of these projects.

Mark Bolander – 1400 W. B St.

Bolander provided the City Council with information regarding pot hole patching techniques.

Old Business

Medical Marihuana Ordinance, Zoning and Scoring Rubric

Stanchina presented the draft ordinance, zoning and scoring rubric regarding medical marihuana. He conveyed that it would be best for the City to encourage the co-location of medical marihuana licenses.

Zemar asserted that the preference points for city residency, number of business/structures, light types, highly regulated industry for LARA and project completion rubric criteria needs to be addressed.

Blomquist indicated that the city residency, highly regulated industry for LARA, project completion, offering benefits and timeline rubric criteria needs to be addressed.

Stanchina confirmed that the highly regulated industry for LARA rubric criteria addresses the ability to follow through on regulatory requirements and that there are not a lot of automatic points.

Alessandrini stated that it would be best to award additional points to Iron Mountain residents, having more points on the rubric will result in fewer ties and that the ability to have your license not be renewed will ensure adherence to the submitted plan.

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Revord voiced the opinion that the proposed regulations are excessive and that security is the most important aspect. He questioned the rational for giving points due to offering benefits.

Pirkola highlighted that the ordinance requires development to occur in one year of the license is forfeited, unless the City Council approves an extension. He expressed the opinion that it would be best for everyone to review the ordinances and rubric and discuss it at a future meeting. Alessandrini requested that a meeting of the whole be held on this subject. Stanchina noted that the ordinance should be reviewed first.

The commission agreed that all references in the ordinance regarding the number of permitted licenses should read two, one point should be awarded for being a Dickinson County resident in lieu of a City residency preference in Section 1 of the scoring rubric, Section 2C of the scoring rubric should be removed and a public input session should be held.

Dave Fraser – 414 W. Fleshiem St.

Fraser supported reviewing lighting, material storage, residency and highly regulated industry for LARA rubric criteria. He explained his concerns for the reiterating of state requirements.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to hold a public input session regarding the proposed medical marihuana ordinance at 6:00 P.M. on May 5, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Resolution of Appreciation Re: Aaron Harper

Stanchina relayed that the Resolution of Appreciation for Aaron Harper will be presented at the Dickinson County Fairgrounds on April 28, 2019. Alessandrini read the Resolution of Appreciation into the record.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Aaaroon Harper, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Saldana exited at 7:17 P.M.

Amend Policy #54 Re: Seasonal Wage Rate

Stanchina recommended the approval of an increased seasonal wage rate based on the difficulty of employee recruitment. The proposed amendment is shown below:

1st yr. employment	Min. wage plus \$ 1.25 (\$10.70)
2nd yr. employment	Min. wage plus \$ 1.75 (\$11.20)
3rd yr. employment	Min. wage plus \$ 2.25 (\$11.70)
4th yr. employment	Min. wage plus \$ 2.50 (\$11.95)

*An additional \$2.00 per hour, per tier, for additional duties as determined by the DPW Supervisor.
(Amended 06-16-2014)

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to amend Policy 54, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Worker’s Memorial Day Proclamation & Resolution

Stanchina read the Worker’s Memorial Day Resolution into the record.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve the Worker’s Memorial Day Resolution and Proclamation, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

March Claims and Payroll

Alessandrini questioned the level of Police and Fire Department overtime.

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It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$378,716.70 and Claims in the amount of \$1,601,941.32 with net claims being \$444,699.54.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Spring Waste drop-off

Stanchina announced that the spring waste drop off will be held on May 16, 2019, to May 18, 2019.

522 E. A St.

Stanchina informed the City Council that the City is performing a title search and that the Lilja Memorial Trust is willing to donate the cost of demolition and Habitat for Humanity is interested in building a new home at 522 E. A Street.

Vulcan St. Paving Project Rebid

Stanchina stated that the Vulcan Street paving project had been rebid at \$399,000 and that the City should accept the higher than estimated bid as to not forfeit grant funding.

Stanchina confirmed that the engineering bid for C St. will be awarded at the next City Council meeting and that Beckett & Raeder's proposed cost for the Master Plan update is under review.

Revord suggested that the City sit down with the hospital to discuss possible solutions to mental health issues. He asked for an abridged report showing cost figures relating to the City's opioid-related costs.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Dave Fraser – 414 W. Fleshiem St.

Fraser conveyed that he will continue working on the development of an RC car track at City Park once the snow clears.

Lawerance Sobson – 630 E. H Street

Sobson imparted that high pressure sodium lights are more of a fire risk due to excess heat.

Council Member Privilege


Maule voiced her support for further research on the City offering green burials.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer