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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, Revord, Blomquist & Zemar

Absent: Council Member Saldana

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "MML U.P. Education Summit" be added as item five under New Business.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Revord 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 May 6, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of May 10, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Lori Mellon – 815 W. A St.

Mellon expressed her concern regarding unresolved blight and a desire for the continued advancement of the City's historic neighborhoods. Alessandrini stated that blight violators will be fined now that the spring drop-off has concluded. Blomquist questioned if the current fines are high enough and whether or not the City should expedite the performing of the cleanup, at the owner's expense. Stanchina voiced the opinion that assessing fines is not always effective.

Sally Beauchamp - 613 Blaine St.

She detailed her unsuccessful efforts to get blight in her neighborhood remediated.

Public Hearing

Adoption of the FYE June 30, 2020, Budget

Stanchina presented the FYE June 30, 2020, Budget.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Adoption of the FYE June 30, 2020, Budget

Stanchina imparted that the City is budgeting a General Fund deficit of \$45,072 due to there being four retirements during the budget cycle. He requested an increase in the consumption charge for water by 1% and sewer by 2% due to an increase in the cost of production. Alessandrini and Maule commended the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for their work on the budget.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to adopt the FYE June 30, 2020, Budget and increase the consumption charge for water by 1% and sewer by 2%.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance

Stanchina reviewed the most recent changes to the proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance. Alessandrini asserted that he declined the invitation to join a medical marihuana venture and that his conflict of interest has been nullified. Maule encouraged the public to express their input on this subject.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to set a public hearing to consider the adoption of the zoning ordinance regarding Chapter 14, Article VII, Section 14-300, Medical Marihuana Facilities, as presented, on June 3, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Easement Request Re: Kyle and Jaclynn Fortier

Stanchina conveyed that the City-owned property that was recently purchased by Kyle and Jaclynn Fortier requires an easement to access their property. He indicated that the proposed easement follows the future extension of Hill Crest Drive and that the easement would be extinguished if the road were to be extended.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to grant the proposed easement between the City of Iron Mountain and Kyle and Jaclynn Fortier.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Letter of Agreement with Iron Mountain Employees' Chapter of Local 1176 Re: Overtime Call In

Stanchina explained the necessity of the Letter of Agreement with Iron Mountain Employees' Chapter of Local 1176 regarding the offering of overtime.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the Letter of Agreement with Iron Mountain Employees' Chapter of Local 1176 regarding the offering of overtime, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Purchase Re: Security Cameras and Related Network Equipment

Stanchina outlined the grant the city received and the remaining cost to install security cameras at City Hall and the Department of Public Works' facilities.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to authorize the purchase of security cameras for City Hall and the Department of Public Works' facilities.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Used Sidewalk Plow

Stanchina recommended the City solicit bids for the purchase of a used sidewalk plow based on the current plow's poor performance record and the availability of high-quality used equipment.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to solicit bids for a used sidewalk plow with bids being due on June 3, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

MML U.P. Education Summit

Maule and Zemar asked to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Upper Peninsula Educational Summit on June 6th and 7th with the City paying for overnight accommodations, mileage and a meal.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to authorize Maule and Zemar to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Upper Peninsula Educational Summit on June 6th and 7th with the City paying for overnight accommodations, mileage and a meal.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

April Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$314,817.78 and Claims in the amount of \$385,151.55 with net claims being \$308,705.14.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Revenue and Expenditure Report for Quarter Ending 3/31/2019

Lieburn reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2019, and noted that a budget amendment will be presented at the next meeting.

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It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to place the Revenue and Expenditure Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2019, on file.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Website Redesign

Stanchina announced that the City's website has been redesigned and is now mobile-friendly. Maule suggested that the City Council Members be issued a City email address.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update

Stanchina highlighted that an update on the Treatment Plant Upgrade Project was included in the packet.

DPW Resignation

Stanchina informed the City Council that Jason Gustafson has resigned from his position at the Department of Public Works.

Scrap Tire Grant

Stanchina noted that the scrap tire collection could not coincide with the rubbish drop off due to the unavailability of dumpsters.

Mountain Bike Trail Development

Stanchina stated that there is a group interested in the development of mountain bike trails in the City.

Stanchina confirmed that the City is awaiting confirmation of the State of Michigan's \$20,000 contribution before further considering the acceptance of the Master Plan bid.

City Attorney Reports

Pirkola relayed that the motion approving the Fortier easement should be withdrawn and restated without the inclusion of paragraph six, due to its inconsistency.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to rescind the motion granting the proposed easement between the City of Iron Mountain and Kyle and Jaclynn Fortier.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to grant the proposed easement between the City of Iron Mountain and Kyle and Jaclynn Fortier, without the inclusion of paragraph six.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Committee Reports

Stanchina indicated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will have to meet regarding the improvement of the Northside playground and that a City Manager review needs to be completed.

Public Comment

Dr. Chad Susott - 300 W. H St.

Dr. Susott presented a proposal by the Dickinson Trail Network to develop and maintain mountain biking trails on Millie Hill.

Dave Fraser – 414 W. Fleshiem St.

Fraser thanked the City Council for their support of medical marihuana licensing and the development of a RC car track at City Park. He also voiced his support of mountain biking as a source of tourism.

Council Member Privilege

Maule relayed that the blight at the entrance to the Cemetery should be addressed. Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the City's potter's field and the Fire Department's knox box program. He indicated that the recommendations in the mine inspector's report are being addressed.

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Revord stressed the importance of the City addressing mental health issues at the Dickinson County Hospital and local mental health reform.

Blomquist thanked the Dickinson Trail Network for their organization's efforts.

Alessandrini thanked the Iron Mountain Fire Departments and the neighboring fire departments for their response to the Champion Inc. fire. Revord echoed Alessandrini's sentiments.

Alessandrini informed the City Council of the upcoming Friends of City Park meeting. The Council discussed the installation of the remaining playground equipment.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer