

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, August 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: Council Member Schinderle

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Stanchina confirmed that he had requested the amendment of the agenda, not Alessandrini.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Re: Menominee Range Investments (323 S. Stephenson)

Stanchina reviewed the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate application for by Menominee Range Investments for the building at 323 S. Stephenson Avenue. Stanchina verified that the taxable value increase is estimated and that the City will receive greater taxes in the future.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business

Consideration of Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Re: Menominee Range Investments (323 S. Stephenson)

Stanchina stated that Menominee Range Investments would be eligible for seven years of tax abatement for the improvements to 323 S. Stephenson Avenue and that the tax abatement would be the City's contribution toward the project.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate with a term of seven years for Menominee Range Investments for the building at 323 S. Stephenson Avenue.

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

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstain-1)

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Bid Award Re: Pickup Truck for Public Works

Stanchina presented the tabulated results and recommended that the new Department of Public Works pickup truck be purchased from Chrysler World at a cost of \$21,496, including delivery.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to award the purchase of a Department of Public Works pickup truck from Chrysler World at a cost of \$21,496.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Consideration of Special Use Permit Recommendation Re: 1111 W. B St.

Stanchina presented the Special Use Permit request by Dillon Uren for the production and selling of baked goods from his residence at 1111 W. B St. Uren asserted that he would not be baking products with marijuana and that his kitchen would be inspected randomly as required by the Cottage Food Law. Alessandrini questioned the lack of parking for walk-in traffic. Brian Pearson, adjacent property owner of 1107 W. B St., indicated that he did not have an objection to the associated on-street parking.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Saldana approval the Special Use Permit for a home occupation for Dillon Uren at 1111 W. B St. between the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM with no commercial equipment to be installed that emits disruptive levels of noise, a one-year review be performed and signage compliant with City ordinance.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Special Use Permit Recommendation Re: 615 Industrial Dr.

Stanchina detailed the Special Use Permit application by Curb Side Auto Inc. for the sale of motor vehicles at 615 Industrial Dr.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the proposed Special Use Permit application by Curb Side Auto Inc. for 615 Industrial Dr. for the sale of vehicles, pending a 12' wide travel lane is maintained for a fire truck through the gated perimeter.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Policy #98 Re: CDBG Program Required Policies

Stanchina communicated the need for the City to adopt the proposed policies for the Community Development Block Grant process.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Saldana to approve policy #98, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Used Plow Truck

Stanchina informed the Council that the City does not have a backup snowplow and that bids should be solicited for the purchase of a used snowplow for back up purposes. He conveyed that the City would be better served by purchasing a truck with an underbody and flat-folding right side wing, adding to plowing efficiency.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Saldana to authorize the solicitation of bids for a used plow truck.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Write-off Re: Uncollectable Accounts Receivable

Stanchina outlined the write-off of uncollectable City's invoices.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to write-off the City's uncollectable invoices, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of East Side Tennis Courts Payment Application #2 Re: Bacco Construction

Stanchina announced that the east side tennis courts are complete and that the final payment is due in the amount of \$25,461.15

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to approve payment application #2 to Bacco Construction in the amount of \$25,461.25 for the east side tennis courts project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Approval of North Side Pickleball Courts Payment Application #2 Re; Bacco Construction

Alessandrini expressed the opinion that the requested payment for the pickleball courts should be withheld due to them being incomplete. Stanchina relayed that the whole amount can't be withheld for a minor issue. It was concluded that \$3,000 would be withheld for the incomplete work.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Revord to approve payment application #2 to Bacco Construction in the amount of \$20,598.10 for the pickleball courts project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program

Stanchina noted that baiting is not being permitted by the Department of Natural Resources during the City's annual deer management program.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the Resolution and Guidelines for the 2019 Deer Management Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Recreational Marihuana

Alessandrini took a hand count and a majority of the Council concluded that it would be beneficial to explore not opting out of medical marihuana. The Council decided that a public meeting will be held at the second regular meeting in September, with more answers being available at the September 3, 2019, meeting. Stanchina noted his unanswered questions regarding recreational marihuana. Blomquist voiced the opinion that a temporary opt-out should be avoided. Revord suggested that it would be better to have an actionable item prepared before a public hearing is held.

Reports

Financial Reports

July Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Revord to approve Payroll in the amount of \$402,028.44 and Claims in the amount of \$2,039,386.43 with net claims being \$644,373.98.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina noted that the Police Department will have a new hire the first week of September and that they will be handling code enforcement issues.

Alessandrini requested that the street signs at Margaret and Blaine and Vulcan Streets be repaired. Director of Public Works Director, Scott Thomas, reported that the repairs are underway.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Stanchina stated that the Infrastructure Committee met to discuss a property sale on the former Khoury property site.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Saldana inquired as to the visitors from our Sister City and how ownership is determined when doing write-offs.

Stanchina reported that a sweep of abandoned cars is coming.

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Adjournment

It was moved by Saldana and supported by Blomquist to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I".

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer