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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Schinderle, Maule, Revord, Zemar, Saldana & Blomquist (*entered at 6:08 p.m.*)

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Revord and supported by Saldana to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the minutes of September 30, 2019, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Mike Uren-805 E. B St., Iron Mountain MI

Uren communicated that the "Herscheids Campo Sportevo" sign at the Stanton Street Park needs to be address. Stanchina indicated that a new sign is already underway. Saldana apologized for the misunderstanding.

Public Hearing

Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Re: Eden Property Collection

Stanchina presented a request by Eden Property Collection for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Eden Property Collection for the property located at 208 E. Ludington St. for a period of 10 years.

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

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

Vacate 90.05' of the 500 Block of Chapin St.

Stanchina reviewed the vacation request by Scott and Mina Fayas, UP Auto Sales, to vacate the south 90.05' of the 500 Block of the undeveloped portion of Chapin St.

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Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Julie Eutizzi, 102 5th St.

Eutizzi voiced her objection based on the belief that her property value would drop and that she does not want additional property.

Andy Waitrovich – 108 5th St.

Waitrovich imparted that he uses the right of way to maneuver his trailers.

Jeanette Eutizzi- Pozza – 515 Harding Ave., Iron Mountain MI

Eutizzi-Pozza asserted that cars should not be parked that close to her daughter's residence at 102 5th St.

Scott Fayas-UP Auto Sales

He expressed the opinion that vacating the property would clean up the property and return the unutilized right-of-way to its former lot.

Mrs. Julie Eutizzi, 102 5th St.

Eutizzi stressed that the right-of-way is City Property.

Stanchina confirmed that the 500 Block of Chapin St. will not be redeveloped. Alessandrini supported the proposed vacation.

Maule stated her lack of support for the vacation.

Blomquist reiterated the Fayas' original request to vacate just half of the 90.05' strip of land.

Alessandrini conveyed that it is good to support a business use. Blomquist questioned the purpose of keeping the property. Maule relayed that the property helps the aesthetics of the area and that it is not that much to maintain.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to vacate the northern 90.05' of the unimproved portion of the 500 Block of Chapin St. beginning at the north edge of the 5th St. right-of-way.

Alessandrini	Aye
Zemar	Nay
Maule	Nay
Schinderle	Nay
Revord	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Saldana	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-3, Nay-4, Abstain-0)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to vacate the western half of the northern 90.05' of the unimproved portion of the 500 Block of Chapin St. beginning at the north edge of the 5th St. right-of-way.

Blomquist	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Zemar	Nay
Maule	Nay
Schinderle	Nay
Revord	Aye
Saldana	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-3, Nay-4, Abstain-0)

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To Enact an Ordinance Re: Chapter 14. Business, Article VIII Recreational Marijuana

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Stanchina surmised that the recreational marijuana process would be similar to the medical marijuana process with the exception of the appeal process.

Craig Canterbury, 530 Section St., Norway, MI,

Canterbury highlighted his concerns regarding the medical marijuana license process.

Jerry Raho – 907 W. A St.

Raho detailed statistics supporting not allowing marijuana.

Virginia Feleppa-1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Feleppa asked to delay approval and be wary. Pot is dangerous.

Stanchina outlined the changes to the Code of Ordinances.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Maule to opt out of recreational marijuana for one year to observe the medical marijuana operations.

Motion failed due to no second.

Zemar suggested that the number of licenses be opened up for more facilities and micro operations. Revord offered the opinion that it would be best to make current medical marijuana projects successful before doing more. Stanchina informed the Council that you have to have a medical marijuana license to get a recreational marijuana license.

Zemar raised his concerns regarding the upcoming recreational marijuana license process. Stanchina explained that the process would have to be competitive and include a rubric. Alessandrini expressed his desire to have more licenses in the future, frustration for this not coming up during the planning process and the parent's responsibility to watch their kids. Maule encouraged the council to opt out and give time for planning the management of the initial licenses. Saldana asked why additional licenses could not be issued now instead of in the future. Revord asserted that it would be preferable for the City to maintain control and allow time for the staff to work on managing the first two licenses. Blomquist noted that the rubric is independent of the ordinance. Shinderle conveyed his support for allowing the additional three businesses to invest in our community. Pirkola confirmed that the whole process would have to be redone in order to offer additional licenses. It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to adopt Chapter 14, Business, Article VIII, Recreational Marijuana, as presented.

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

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-4, Abstain-1)

Stanchina stated that a special meeting needs to be scheduled for the City to opt out. Zemar reiterated his concerns regarding the evaluation of the last rubric. Pirkola indicated that there are no guarantees given the nature of the rubric.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to reconsider the previous motion

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

Motion Passed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-1)

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Maule reiterated that the City can always opt in.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Saldana to adopt Chapter 14, Business, Article VIII, Recreational Marijuana, as submitted.

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

Motion Passed (Aye-4, Nay-2, Abstain-1)

For an Ordinance Amendment Re: Chapter 74, Zoning, Article IV, Special Provisions, Section 74-433 – Recreational Marihuana Facilities

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to amend Chapter 74, Zoning, Article IV, Special Provisions, Section 74-433, Recreational Marihuana Facilities, as presented.

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

Motion Passed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-1)

Old Business

Izzo-Mariucci Center Use Agreement Re: Master Plan Pubic Engagement Meeting

Stanchina presented the Izzo-Mariucci Center use agreement for the Master Plan's Pubic Engagement Meeting at 6:00 PM on October 15, 2019.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to approve the Izzo-Mariucci Center use agreement for the Master Plan's Pubic Engagement Meeting at 6:00 PM on October 15, 2019.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Appeal of MDOT Payment Re: Vulcan St. Small Urban Project

Stanchina recommended that payment be made to the State of Michigan for the Vulcan Street Small Urban paving project.

It was moved by Saldana and supported by Zemar to approve payment to to the State of Michigan for the Vulcan Street Small Urban paving project.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Release Lilja Trust Funds for Payment to Habitat for Humanity Re: Pickleball Court Pavilion

Stanchina submitted a request to approve the expenditure of funds from City-held Lilja Fund donations to fund the building of a pavilion at Herscheids Campo Sportevo.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the expenditure of funds from City-held Lilja Fund donations to fund the building of a pavilion at Herscheids Campo Sportevo.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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New Business

None

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Deer Management

Stanchina reported that one deer has been harvested during the 2019 deer management program.

Master Plan Public Engagement

Stanchina announced the upcoming Master Plan Public Engagement Meeting at 6:00 PM on October 15, 2019, at the Izzo-Mariucci Center

2020 Scrap Tire Grant

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the grant. He stated that the City got the lowest amount in the area due to the amount of tires that were already disposed.

Systems Control Project

Stanchina imparted that a portion or all of Traders Mine Rd. will be closed during the relocation of the City's force main from the vacated Boss Way.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Craig Canterbury - 530 Section St., Norway MI,

Canterberry thanked the City for passing the recreational marijuana ordinance and proved statistics stating that teen use of marijuana drops when legalized. He encourage the City to allow micro grows and increase the number licenses. He disputed the reported increase in meth use.

Ed Mattson – Director of Police and Fire Services

Mattson communicated that there is more meth now than before due to a reduction in heroin use.

Brad Butler - 810 Truman St., Niagara WI

Butler encouraged the Council to add licenses in less than six months. Mattson relayed that he does not know how long it will take to develop a plan to manage the current licenses.

Corey Formolo - W9225 Russel St., Iron Mountain MI

Formello communicated that security requirements would limit negative activities from happening.

Dave Fraser – N5991 State Hwy M 95

Fraser asserted that a future timeline for additional licenses would be appreciated.

Revord recommended that a committee meeting be scheduled to discuss these issues.

Virginia Feleppa-1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Feleppa quested how much money will be spent to inform the community of the dangers of marijuana.

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Council Member Privilege

Saldana thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded everyone that the council is engaging in discussion during the process.

Blomquist, Revord and Alessandrini stated that the rubric scores did not reflect the scale differences between the projects and questioned how many facilities the community can support.

Alessandrini relayed the importance of getting involved in the planning process and remember it is all discussion.

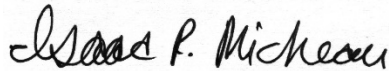
Stanchina suggested that a meeting of the whole be held, rather than a committee meeting, to discuss the upcoming rubric.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer