

# 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, November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Schinderle, Maule, Revord, Blomquist, Zemar & Clawson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

## Oaths of Office

Members Clawson, Maule, Zemar & Blomquist attested to the Oath of Office.

## Council Reorganization

### *Nominations/Election of Mayor*

City Manager Stanchina asked for nominations for the position of Mayor. Member Maule nominated Member Alessandrini for Mayor.

City Manager Stanchina closed nominations.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to nominate Member Alessandrini as Mayor.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### *Nomination/Election of Mayor Pro-Tem*

Mayor Alessandrini asked for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. Alessandrini nominated Member Revord for Mayor Pro-Tem. Zemar nominated Member Blomquist for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Alessandrini closed nominations.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to nominate Member Revord as Mayor Pro-Tem.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### *Committee Appointments*

Alessandrini made the following committee appointments:

<b>Committee Assignment</b>	<b>Member</b>
Consolidated Services	Clawson
DDA Liaison	Clawson
Labor Relations	Schinderle
Parks & Recreation	Schinderle
Public Safety Committee	Clawson
Police and Fire Pension Board	Clawson
Solid Waste Authority	Zemar

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to appoint City Manager Stanchina to the Central Landfill Authority.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## Approval of Agenda

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Public Comment**

*Corey Formolo - W9225 Russel St., Iron Mountain, MI*

Formolo asked that the City's recreational marijuana ordinance be amended to match the City's medical marijuana ordinance.

*Dave Fraser – N5991 State Hwy M 95, Iron Mountain, MI*

Fraser reiterated Formolo's request.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Discussion of Starting Date Re: School Liaison Officer**

Stanchina stated that the School Liaison Millage was approved by the voters and that it will first be levied on July 1, 2020. He raised the question as to whether the officer should start in January and end mid-school year if not renewed or started in July and end with the school year if not renewed. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, imparted that it would be better to start the position closer to the vote. Revord suggested that it would be best to have the renewal occur during the school year. Alessandrini thanked the community for approving the School Liaison Millage.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Clawson to begin the School Liaison Officer position on January 1, 2020.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of City Civil Service Commission Appointment Re: Mr. Steve Harris**

Stanchina noted that Mr. Steve Harris is a re-appointment and detailed the Commission's structure.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to re-appoint Mr. Steve Harris to the City Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire on November 17, 2022.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Street Closure Re: Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting**

Stanchina outlined a request by the Downtown Development Authority for a street and parking lot closure for the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to close Ludington Street from Stephenson Avenue east to the alley and a portion of the parking lot east of the stage for the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Adoption of Special Assessment Resolutions**

Stanchina presented the single-lot assessments and one invoice write-off as shown below:

Special Assessment Blight	Description
520 E. D St.	223.58 Blight
705 E. Grand Blvd.	266.10 Lawn Maintenance
603 E. B St.	118.22 Lawn Maintenance
624 E. B St.	99.00 Lawn Maintenance
1000 River Ave.	490.67 Lawn Maintenance & Fine for Blight
611 E. Grand Blvd.	141.20 Lawn Maintenance
219 W. Brown St.	288.22 Lawn Maintenance
416 E. Smith St.	99.00 Lawn Maintenance
Total	1,727.99
Grand Total	\$ 1,727.99

He asserted that 624 E. B Street can't be assessed as it was sold by the Dickinson County Treasurer on tax sale prior to being billed.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to approve a single-lot assessment for blight in the amount of \$233.58 on 520 E. D Street; lawn maintenance in the amount \$266.10 on 705 E. Grand Boulevard; lawn maintenance in the amount \$118.22 on 603 E. B Street; lawn maintenance and fines for blight in the amount \$490.67 on 1000 River Avenue;

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lawn maintenance in the amount \$141.20 on 611 E. Grand Boulevard; lawn maintenance in the amount \$288.22 on 219 W. Brown Street; and lawn maintenance in the amount \$99.00 on 416 E. Smith Street.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to write-of the lawn maintenance fees in the amount of \$99.00 on 624 E. B Street.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Introduce and Set a Public Hearing for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Section 74-420 Accessory Buildings**

Stanchina indicated that the language in City Ordinance Section 74-420 was approved with an error in terminology. He conveyed that the ordinance should reference “accessory building” not “accessory dwelling structures.”

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Blomquist to hold a public hearing on December 16, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. for the amending of the City Code of Ordinances, Section 74-420, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Set a Public Hearing Re: Vacate 100’ of the 500 Block of Chapin St.**

Stanchina submitted a request by Mina Fayas, owner of U.P. Auto Sales, to vacate 100’ of the 500 block’s portion of unimproved Chapin Street right-of-way; beginning at the west right-of-way line of Fifth Street.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to hold a public hearing on December 16, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. to consider the vacation of 100’ of the 500 block’s portion of unimproved Chapin Street right-of-way; beginning at the west right-of-way line of Fifth Street.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

#### **October Claims and Payroll**

Stanchina explained that the City issued checks as a pass-through of funds for the Lilja Memorial Trust and Friends of City Park.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve Payroll in the amount of \$294,591.64 and Claims in the amount of \$704,809.83 with net claims being \$468,893.01.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Quarterly Financial Report**

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Alessandrini to place the Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter of FY 2019-20 on file.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Deer Management*

Stanchina informed the City Council that 11 deer have been harvested during the 2019 Deer Management Program.

#### *MML Municipal Revenue Loss Report and Database*

Stanchina reviewed the MML Municipal Revenue Loss Report

#### *Census 2020*

Stanchina reported that he would be attending a County-wide Census Committee meeting tomorrow.

#### *Leaf Collection*

Stanchina announced that leaf collection has been completed, sans areas that were blocked by parked vehicles, and that the compost site is closed with chipping scheduled for next week. Alessandrini offered the suggestion that the City utilize additional trucks when collecting leaves in order to increase productivity.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

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**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Revord congratulated the Downtown Development Authority on a successful Ladies Night Out event.

Mattson updated the City Council on the medical examiner /autopsies situation between Dickinson County and Dickinson County Hospital. Alessandrini voiced his support for not reducing local services. Mattson echoed Alessandrini's sentiments.

Alessandrini welcomed Clawson to the City Council.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer