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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. electronically.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

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

Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020, as presented.

Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Maule	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Adoption of Resolution Re: Remote Meetings of Public Bodies

Stanchina imparted that the resolution to allow remote meetings of public bodies would sets rules for electronic meetings including posting instructions, public hearing requirements and public comment procedures.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Blomquist to adopt Resolution No. 2020-4 Establishing Temporary Rules for Remote Attendance by Members of the Iron Mountain City Council, Other City Public Bodies and Members of the Public at Public Meetings Due to Coronavirus Pandemic, as presented.

Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

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Adoption of Policy Amendment Re: Families First Corona Response Act

Stanchina detailed the policy amendment to include the proposed Families First Corona Response Act policy. He clarified that this policy amendment will not be available to Police Department and Fire Department personnel, excluding clerical staff.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Blomquist to approve the Families First Corona Response Act policy, as submitted.

Revord Aye
Maule Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Discussion of Temporary Closure Re: Public Recreation and Gathering Areas

Stanchina suggested closing City-owned social gathering areas including playgrounds, tennis and pickleball courts, dog park, skate park, pavilions, observation deck, and athletic fields/courts (basketball, soccer, football, baseball/softball). Alessandrini stressed the importance of people not spreading COVID-19. Stanchina communicated that it would be better to close the public gathering areas but keep the park open. He indicated that the purpose of the closure would be to avoid gatherings and not playing amongst family members in the same household. Alessandrini relayed that the police or responsible adults will control use of playground equipment. Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, conveyed that the police can't patrol the park unless the gate is open.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the closure of social gathering areas including playgrounds, tennis and pickleball courts, dog park, skate park, pavilions, observation deck, and athletic fields/courts (basketball, soccer, football, baseball/softball) until the expiration of Executive Order 2020-21.

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

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

Discussion of Extending Temporary Closure Re: City Hall

Stanchina requested an extension on the closure of City Hall until April 21, 2020, due to COVID-19 safety precautions. Blomquist noted that it would be preferable to close City Hall until the City Council moves to re-open it.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to close City Hall until re-opened by the City Council.

Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Maule Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Special Assessments Re: Water Supply Collection of Rates and Charges

Stanchina presented the water supply collection of rates and charges to the City Council. He verified that the outstanding fees are in excess of six months old and must be billed per City Ordinance Section 66-113. Revord asserted that the debt occurred prior to COVID-19 and that the amount due will be added onto the taxes.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the Water Supply Collection of Rates and Charges, as presented.

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Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Maule Aye
Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Assurance of Compliance Re: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Stanchina informed the City Council that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assurance of Compliance must be approved in order for the City to apply for grants that provide federal funds. Mattson stated that the Fire Department would like to apply for grants to fund everyday firefighting equipment and training. It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to approve the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assurance of Compliance.

Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Maule Aye
Schinderle Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

DDA Appointments

Stanchina recommended the appointments of Mark Klossner, David Hendrickson, Anthony Tatangelo, Kim Harder Webb & Lisa Villringer to terms on the Downtown Development Authority Board for a term to expire on April 4, 2024.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Schinderle to appointment Mark Klossner, David Hendrickson, Anthony Tatangelo, Kim Harder Webb & Lisa Villringer to terms on the Downtown Development Authority Board for a term to expire on April 4, 2024.

Schinderle Aye
Blomquist Aye
Clawson Aye
Zemar Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Revord Aye
Maule Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Hydrant Flushing

Stanchina reported that hydrant flushing will take place the week of April 20, 2020.

Spring Clean-Up

Stanchina announced that the annual spring clean-up will be delayed pending changes in Federal and State guidance.

Director of Police and Fire Services, Ed Mattson, and Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, outlined their COVID-19 prevention efforts.

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Stanchina raised the topic of hazard pay for exempt employees.

City Attorney Reports

Alessandrini requested that the City Attorney contact Sovereign Communications to see if they paid.

Committee Reports

Stanchina imparted that no committees had met and that the Budget Committee needs to meet. He expressed the opinion that the budget will be tricky given moving revenue and the Lead Copper Rule. He stated that he was not aware of any discussion in the legislature regarding the Lead Copper Rule.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Maule encouraged residents to stay safe and healthy and to help their neighbors.

Alessandrini reminded the citizens to stay home and stay safe.

Stanchina noted that he will be meeting a couple times a week with City Managers and the Health Department regarding COVID-19.


Adjournment

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

Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Aye
Clawson	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer