

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*JULY 6, 2020

City of Iron Mountain

501 S. Stephenson Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
Telephone: 906-774-8530
Fax: 906-774-3774

Email: clerktreasurer@cityofironmountain.com
Website: www.cityofironmountain.com

Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 6, 2020 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

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Closed Session Re: Collective Bargaining" be added as item XI, adjusting the other items downward.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Stanchina communicated that the motion to amend utility rates needed to be adjusted.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the minutes of May 18, 2020, as amended and June 15, 2020, and June 22, 2020, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Amend the Zoning Ordinance Re: Sec. 74-482 Parking Facility Standards

Stanchina presented the ordinance amendment for Section 74-482. He detailed the steps that would be required to amend the level of parking required by City Ordinance.

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

No comment was received.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to approve the amendment to City Ordinance Section 74-482, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: Crack Fill City Owned Parking Lots

Stanchina opened the following bids:

	w/o Mastic	w/Mastic
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Iron River, MI	10,050	17,634.42
The Asphalt Doctor, Iron Mountain, MI	36,496	41,080
Dun-Rite Asphalt Maintenance, Marinette, WI	34,357	44,177

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to refer the bids to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*JULY 6, 2020

Bid Opening Re: Used Sweeper

Stanchina opened the following bids:

Bell Equipment, Lake Orion, MI 96,400

Department of Public Works Supervisor, Scott Thomas, confirmed that all styles of street sweeper leave a line and that the mechanical type is significantly cheaper than the vacuum style. Stanchina indicated that vacuum or mechanical broom styles are chosen based on road condition.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to award the purchase of a used street sweeper from Bell Equipment of Lake Orion, Michigan, at a cost of \$96,400.00, pending specifications have been met.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Bid Award Re: West C Street Water and Sewer Improvements

Stanchina reviewed the West C Street reconstruction and utility upgrades. He communicated that prices have been increasing and that delaying the project does not seem advantageous.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to award the West C Street Water and Sewer project to Hebert Construction in the amount of \$1,395,279.21.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Authorization to Solicit Sealed Bids Re: Well #3 Rehabilitation

Stanchina reported that Well #3 is operating at 1/3 capacity and that it needs to be cleaned to increase efficiency. He estimated the cost to be \$15,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to solicit bids for the rehabilitation of Well #3 with bids to be due by 4:00 P.M on July 20, 2020.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Adjustment to the Part-Time Firefighter Wage Rate

Stanchina outlined the proposed part-time firefighter wage increases and explained that the goal of the increase was to reduce overtime costs.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the part-time firefighter wage at \$13.40 per hour, less \$1 per hour for the first 400 hours after orientation.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Solicit Quotes Re: Major Street Line Striping and Pavement Markings

Stanchina submitted the list of line striping to be performed and noted that PK Contracting Inc. is the only company in the area that offers this service. The Council discussed adding pavement markings at the 6th Street and Vulcan Street intersection.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Blomquist to authorize City administration to solicit bids for major street line striping and pavement markings and award the project to the lowest priced qualified contractor.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule

Stanchina informed the City Council that the Chief Financial Officer, Heather Lieburn, is the only employee eligible for a step pay increase. Clawson stressed the importance of giving a cost of living increase to the non-union staff. Stanchina imparted that the City is currently bargaining contracts and that it would be best to discuss a cost of living increase to the administrative salary step schedule once they are completed.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Blomquist to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to advance to Step 6 of the Administrative Salary Step Schedule.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*JULY 6, 2020

Approval of 2020-2021 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League

Stanchina submitted a request to pay the 2020-2021 Michigan Municipal League (MML) dues in the amount of \$4,659.00. He highlighted how much the MML has done for Michigan municipalities.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Schinderle to authorize the payment of the 2020-2021 Michigan Municipal League dues in the amount of \$4,659.00.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution Re: Blight Fee

Stanchina offered the special assessment resolution for blight remediation at 710 E. D St. for Council consideration. Stanchina explained that the house is home-owner occupied and cleanup was warranted in order to correct a health hazard. Revord questioned why the City can't utilize a blanket approval process for special assessments. Stanchina relayed that the current process offers the resident a final opportunity to address the assessment. Maule, Revord, Clawson and Alessandrini asserted the need to more greatly penalize ordinance violations. Stanchina verified that the majority of violations are due to negligence. Revord inquired if there was a way to determine ordinance violations due to hardship. Stanchina stated that he would confer with the City Attorney regarding expedited code enforcement activity.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to approve a special assessment for 710 E. D Street in the amount of \$157.59 for blight remediation fees.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Summer Property Tax Deferral Package Heads to Governor-Outlook Uncertain

Stanchina noted that there is pending legislation regarding a tax deferral program and that the bulk of the proposed costs would be on the county.

State Budget Deal to Result in 150% Funding Replacement for Communities

Stanchina announced that the state's budget deal will reduce the state's community funding by approximately \$20,000 and replace it with approximately \$30,000 in CARES Act funds.

AV Voting Applications

Stanchina relayed that the level of absent voter turnout has increased and that the Absent Voter Counting Board will be working hard to keep up. Blomquist suggest that a confirmation be emailed to those that submit an electronic absent voting application.

Lobby Opening

Stanching conveyed that several clips that are required to build a sneeze guard are still pending arrival, resulting in the current lobby closure, but that the majority of City Hall's work is being accomplished despite the current situation.

COVID-19 Testing

Stanchina notified the Council that a National Guard-run testing site is planning to come to Iron Mountain.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Alessandrini noted that the Negotiating Committee met last week. Stanchina stated that the Infrastructure Committee met to discuss the zoning for a potential development. He conveyed that the State Police Post lease is coming up for renewal and that he is reviewing the amount paid.

Public Comment

None

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*JULY 6, 2020

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina confirmed that Systems Control could purchase the City-owned parking lot adjacent to their facility before required by the agreement, if they wished. He asserted that he would see if they were interested in purchasing it.

Stanchina and Thomas relayed that they would look into who takes care of the Crystal Lake lookout.

Stanchina imparted that there is nothing the City can do regarding the increased water table on the West Side.

Maule asked that the prickly plants under the slide at the East Side Playground needs to be addressed. Maule raised the issue of non-boat towing vehicles parking in spaces designed for boat towing vehicles and causing traffic issues at the Lake Antoine boat launch.

Stanchina verified that the line on the pavement along B Street is hydraulic fluid that was leaked by the street sweeper and that it should dissipate in time.

Clawson and Maule conveyed that they toured the Superior Selections facility and found it to be an impressive facility.

Alessandrini encouraged people to wear face masks.

Closed Session Re: Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to move into Closed Session at 7:10 P.M.

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

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

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer