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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via electronic meeting.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Maule requested a clarification on the language relating the Council's role in setting trick-or-treat hours.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Review and Discussion of Revision Clause Re: 1001 S. Hemlock

Stanchina detailed Dr. Cook's plan to donate his former medical clinic at 1001 S. Hemlock Street to the Family Baptist Church. Pirkola outlined the City's options regarding the reversion clause. Dr. Cook relayed the difficulties he has had trying to sell the facility. Schinderle supported Dr. Cook's proposed plan. Stanchina verified that the City would potentially lose \$2,000 per year in tax revenue and that the facility could be converted to housing through a planned unit development. Alessandrini requested that input be gathered from the neighbors and that the issue be raised at the next regular meeting. Blomquist and Schinderle imparted that there was no reason to act now. Alessandrini and Maule stressed that additional time should be given to consider this issue. Clawson questioned the definition of neighbors. Dr. Cook indicated that his medical clinic produced more traffic when it was in operation than the church would. Stanchina conveyed that the homes adjacent to Hemlock Street that are across from the facility will receive a notice.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to table this motion until the next regular meeting.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Schinderle, Zemar, Alessandrini, Revord & Maule

Nay: Blomquist & Clawson

Abstain: None

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-2, Abstain-0)

Discussion of Marihuana Ordinance

Alessandrini expressed the opinion that an ordinance is only as good as the Council's word and that altering things now would create a bad precedence. Stanchina highlighted that the Council's two options are to allow the two current retail licenses to continue until April 1, 2021, and to allow all current applicants the ability to get a retail license. Zemar asserted that the free market system would be preferable and that the issue could be revisited in April if not approved now. Alessandrini noted the amount of investment that companies have already made. Blomquist communicated that it would be better to expand licenses now if planning to in the future and release the

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current companies of their obligations to the City. Maule stated that retail licenses should be given to those that are ready. Stanchina suggested that time may show what the current licensees are doing. Schinderle questioned if the current retail license holders would have applied for their current license if not limited. Clawson voiced the importance of the Council keeping its word. Blomquist reviewed the reasons that the Council offered limited retail licenses initially.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to table this issue until the first meeting in April of 2021.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Maule, Schinderle, Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini & Revord

Nay: None

Abstain: Blomquist

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

Approval of Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Corrective Action Plan and Resolution Re: Retiree Health Insurance

Stanchina presented the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act corrective action plan and resolution regarding retiree health insurance. He imparted that the plan would be to stay the course. Revord, Clawson and Maule thanked Stanchina and Lieburn for their work on this project.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to approve the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act corrective action plan and resolution regarding retiree health insurance.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Revord, Maule, Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar & Alessandrini

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

Approval of Grant Agreement Re: Center for Tech and Civic Life

Stanchina informed the City Council of a grant the City was awarded by the Center for Tech and Civic Life organization to purchase election equipment and that some pieces of the grant funded equipment had to be purchased prior to the consideration of this agreement due to supply issues. He stated that the City Attorney had no issue with the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Schinderle to approve the Grant Agreement between the Center for Tech and Civic Life and the City of Iron Mountain, as presented.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Alessandrini, Revord, Maule, Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson & Zemar

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

Approval of Appraisal Re: Wells Fargo

Stanchina offered the City Council the option to fight the tax tribunal case between the City of Iron Mountain and Flagstar Bank, with the first step being a \$6,500 appraisal. Stanchina indicated that he did not know if any other jurisdictions were fighting the case.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve a commercial appraisal of the Flagstar Bank building by Miles Anderson at a cost of \$6,500.00.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Zemar, Alessandrini, Revord, Maule, Schinderle, Blomquist & Clawson

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

Pump Hardware Replacement Re: Well #3

Stanchina explained that Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling discovered, while cleaning #3, that the pump is in need of replacement. He noted that there are limited contractors that perform this type of work and that the cost to replace the pump would be \$15,850.00.

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It was moved by Clawson and supported by Blomquist to award the replacement of the pump in well #3 to Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. at a cost of \$15,850.00, as submitted.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini, Revord, Maule, Schinderle & Blomquist

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

Reports

Financial Reports

September Payroll and 9/17/2020-10/25/2020 Claims

Stanchina notified the Council of a new line on the report that further breaks down expenses.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve Payroll in the amount of \$373,492.01 and Claims in the amount of \$734,589.99 with net claims being \$303,716.55.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini, Revord, Maule & Schinderle

Nay: None

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

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the status of the absent voter ballots issued, West C Street Project and Deer Management Program. He announced the upcoming curb-side leaf pick up, compost site closure and that the parking ban begins November 1, 2020. Stanchina recommended that the Infrastructure Committee meet to discuss water shut off procedures. Alessandrini questioned the tax status of a blighted home on 4th Street.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini held a moment of silence in memory of Jeff Vanlaanen, past Council Member.

Closed Session Re: Tentative Agreements

It was moved by Revord and supported by Bloquist to move into Closed Session at 7:23 P.M.

Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini, Revord & Maule

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

Closed session ended at 7:43 P.M.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to approve the letter of understanding between the City of Iron Mountain and the Iron Mountain City Fire Department Local 554, IAFF, AFL-CIO, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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It was moved by Clawson and supported by Blomquist to approve the tentative agreements, as presented, with the Iron Mountain City Fire Department Local 554, IAFF, AFL-CIO, Police Patrol and Police Command units. Roll-call vote was taken:

Aye: Maule, Schinderle, Blomquist, Clawson, Zemar, Alessandrini & Revord

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer