

CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN*CITY COUNCIL*August 16, 2021

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Members Tomassoni, Maule, Revord, Blomquist & Clawson

Absent: Member Zemar

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

Approval of Agenda

Alessandrini asked that "Amend the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2021" be added as item number two under Approval of Minutes and "Approval of Payment Re: Dodge Durango Pursuit" be added as item number five under New Business.

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Clawson to approve the minutes of August 2, 2021, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Stanchina noted that the motion addressing the Lifelong Natural Solutions' license extension should have said "90 days to get prequalification," not complete the building.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to amend the minutes of April 19, 2021, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

Riley Johnson – Owner Lifelong Natural Solutions

Johnson imparted that paperwork was submitted before the 15th and the approval process for the prequalification was not under their control while they were waiting for State approval. He stated that they could not start to build until after the prequalification was approved and therefore could not meet the requirements of the Council motion from the April 19, 2021, minutes. Johnson confirmed that he had just recently gotten fingerprinted and that Lifelong Natural Solutions just purchased adjacent property from LS&I Electric to expand their facility. He highlighted that they are awaiting building plans. Alessandrini asserted that Ms. Lisa Riley was present when the extension was discussed as evidenced by her adherence to the 30-day deadline. He indicated that the other extensions that the City Council approved were based on Covid-19 related building issues and that the City Manager will contact the State tomorrow for clarification. Stanchina relayed that the lawyer's original letter referenced the high likelihood of a quick turn around on application approvals. Johnson informed the Council that he had issues with his Social Security number due to previous year's tax issues and that his business partner, Steve, completed his fingerprints once Johnson had done his. He conveyed that his organization had invested a lot of money and that he doesn't want to see it go to waste. Johnson stressed that others had been granted more than one extension. Stanchina reiterated that those extensions were based on legitimate building concerns. Johnson acknowledged that a deadline was missed and he outlined the current progress. Alessandrini raised the issue of communication not occurring during the prequalification process and reiterated that the City Manager will find out from the State why their prequalification was delayed. Johnson explained that they just purchased land and that there were financial issues during the process. Stanchina communicated that the Council had been lenient with building-related delays and that the delay in this case was not building-related. Revord expressed the opinion that the Council has went over and above what was required and that it is time to move forward. Alessandrini stated that it seems there are issues within the organization and that the letter stands until information from the State indicates otherwise. Johnson verified that his Social Security number/tax issue was a hold-up on the approval process. Revord and Johnson agreed that his tax issue should have been resolved

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before the prequalification process began. Alessandrini noted that Lifelong Natural Solutions had over a year to secure a prequalification and that the City Manager's letter stands.

Old Business

Bid Opening Re: 2021 Paving

Stanchina opened the following bids:

| Company | Amount |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Bacco Construction Company | \$465,995.00 |

Alessandrini conveyed that the cost of signage seemed high. Stanchina asserted that the tonnage rate was not bad but that the bid should be reviewed.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to refer the bid to staff for review.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Request to Purchase City Owned Property Re: Kwik Trip

Stanchina outlined the proposed purchase agreement and the sentence that the City Attorney requested to be included that states the real estate sales policy would be followed. He notified the Council that the worst-case building scenario would have construction beginning in 2023. Stanchina indicated that he would have a clean offer-to-purchase available at the next meeting.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to set a public hearing to sell approximately 2.8 acres of City-owned property directly north of Dollar General fronting Stephenson Avenue (1010 N. Stephenson Avenue) to Kwik Trip Inc. at 6:00 P.M. on September 7, 2021.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Update Policy #46 Re: Travel Policy

Stanchina recommended that City Policy number 46 be amended to offer a meal per diem rather than reimbursement due to a request by the Director of Police and Fire Services and increased administrative efficiency.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to amend City Policy number 46 to reflect the per diem rate for meals, as outlined in Michigan Department of Transportation Travel Reference Card, in lieu of full receipt-based reimbursement.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program

Stanchina presented the 2021 Deer Management Program Resolution and Guidelines, with no changes from the previous year.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the 2021 Deer Management Program Resolution and Guidelines, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

County Wide GIS Agreement

Stanchina outlined the benefits of having a county-wide GIS map and that it would not be a cost for the City or result in our information being sold or given away.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to approve the Dickinson County Interlocal Agreement for Sharing of Geographical Information System Data, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Payment Re: Dodge Durango Pursuit

Stanchina imparted that the 2021 Dodge Durango the City ordered is ready and that the payment in the amount of \$31,582 needs to be paid.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to approve payment in the amount of \$31,582 to Lafontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Lansing, Inc. to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

July Payroll and 07/15/2021-08/11/2021 Claims

Stanchina stated that the payroll comparison by year will be reviewed by staff.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to approve Payroll in the amount of \$428,045.02 and Claims in the amount of \$2,188,669.65 with net claims being \$320,335.36.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Stanchina reported on the success of the efforts to fight the fire at Superior Cedar Products regarding the sharing of resources through MABAS and that all the communities in Dickinson County have joined except for Kingsford; that the Utility Billing Clerk is on leave and that Abbey Taylor will be her temporary replacement; that the City's population loss was less than the 2019 estimate and that the availability of grant funds is also dependent on household income; and on the Dunkin' Donuts project progress.

Alessandrini highlighted the positive impact of the NEW Dermatology clinic that is being built in the City.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini reported that his son-in-law is recovering from Covid and he encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

Closed Session Re: Collective Bargaining

It was moved by Revord and supported by Maule to move into Closed Session at 6:49 P.M.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Closed session ended at 7:11 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Clawson to approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the City of Iron Mountain and the IAFF Local #554.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer