

## *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, December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Tomassoni, Maule, Farragh, Blomquist, Zemar & Clawson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

### **Approval of Agenda**

Alessandrini asked that "Gus Macker Street Closure" be added as item number five under New Business. It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Zemar to approve the agenda, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Clawson noted that the mayoral nomination section should be reviewed due to confusion regarding nominations and motion support.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Farragh to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

*Dr. Chad Susott – 300 W. H St.*

Susott congratulated the City on receiving the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$183,000.00, not including the \$64,000 match, to develop bike trails. He thanked the City for assisting with the grant application and noted there will be no cost to the tax payers. Stanchina also voiced his appreciation for Susott's efforts.

### **Old Business**

**Establish a Public Hearing Re: Rezoning Between East D St. to the North, Cedar Ave. to the East, East H St. to the South and the Railroad Track to the West**

Stanchina noted that the public hearing that was established at the last meeting was not advertised in time and asked that a new hearing be established for January 3, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to set a public hearing for January 3, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. to consider the rezoning between East D St. to the North, Cedar Ave. to the East, East H St. to the South and the Railroad Track to the West.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

**Consider Provisional Approval of Adult Use Grower Class C and processor Licenses Re: Smoke U.P. Farms**

Stanchina reviewed the application by Smoke U.P. Farms, LLC and the proposed building site adjacent to 619 Circle Drive.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to grant an Adult Use Grower Class C and Processor Licenses to Smoke U.P. Farms, LLC contingent on the property acquisition adjacent to 619 Circle Drive.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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

Stanchina detailed the closure request by the Iron Mountain Downtown Development Authority for the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting.

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It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Maule to approve the proposed Downtown Development Authority closure request for the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting on December 10, 2021, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Pay Request from Bacco Construction Re: 2021 Local Paving**

Stanchina relayed that Bacco Construction should be paid \$250,167.08 for the Stanton and Williamson Streets paving. He stated that the remainder of the \$465,995.00 project will be completed next year with the balance held being the retainage for the completed portion of the project.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Zemar to authorize a payment in the amount of \$250,167.08 to Bacco Construction Co. for paving Stanton and Williamson Streets.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Consideration of Committee Appointments**

Alessandrini reviewed and appointed members to the following committees:

**Finance**

Farragh....Zemar...Maule

*Meetings are held on the same day as the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting of the month, in Conference Room "A" of City Hall at 5:30 p.m.*

**Infrastructure**.....

Alessandrini.....Blomquist.....Farragh

*Meets as needed*

**Labor Relations**.....

Alessandrini.....Clawson.....Maule

*Meets as needed*

**Parks and Recreation**.....

Tomassoni.....Zemar.....Maule

*Meets as needed*

**DDA Liaison**.....

Clawson

*Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the City Council Room at 12:00 p.m.*

**Dickinson County Code Construction Commission**..... Alessandrini

*Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, every odd month, at the Dickinson County Code Construction Commission's Facility at 6:30 p.m.*

**Mountain View Board Liaison**..... Tomassoni

*Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Mountain View Ice Arena at 6:30 P.M.*

**Planning Commission Liaison**..... Blomquist

*Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the City Council Room at 3:30 p.m.*

**Police and Fire Pension Board**.....Clawson

*Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the even month in Conference Room "A" of City Hall at 2:00 p.m.*

**Solid Waste Authority**..... Zemar

*Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, every even month, at the Dickinson County Solid Waste Processing Facility's transfer station at 11:00 a.m.*

**Access Management**..... Clawson

*Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Breitung Township Hall at 1:30 p.m.*

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It was moved by Farragh and supported by Maule to appoint Alessandrini to the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to appoint Stanchina to the Central Landfill Authority.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Gus Macker Street Closure**

Stanchina presented a request to hold the 2022 Gus Macker Basketball tournament on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the same configuration as the 2021 event. Alessandrini indicated that the event will be the same weekend as Saturday in the Park and that there were no issues at the last event. Stanchina confirmed the lack of negative concerns from the previous event.

It was moved by Clawson and supported by Maule to approve the 2022 Gus Macker Basketball tournament road closure request on July 16, 2022, and July 17, 2022, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

Stanchina reported that the City will receive \$210,000, based on a \$72,000 City match, in Small Urban funds to pave N. Milwaukee Avenue from Lehman Avenue to the City limits in 2024, 23 deer have been harvested through the Deer Management Assistance Program and the City was awarded the Pewabic Hill Multi-Use Trail Grant in the amount of \$183,200 by the MDNR Trust Fund. He raised the issue of a bottled water plant wanting to place a well at 1330 Vulcan Street and the issues it would have caused for the incoming Kwik Trip. Stanchina highlighted that the Health Department denied the request based on the need for an additional hydrological study due to possible contamination sites and the ramifications of allowing a well at that site.

The Council discussed the recent decontamination efforts at the former Erickson Gas Station on Carpenter Avenue.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

### **Committee Reports**

It was noted that the Infrastructure Committee needs to meet before holiday.

## **Public Comment**

None

### **Council Member Privilege**

Tomassoni asked if the alley on Adams Street within the 500 Block E. E Street is vacated.

Maule noted several issues with snow piles in clear vision areas. Stanchina confirmed that the snow pile issues are being reviewed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Alessandrini questioned if automated garbage trucks are an option. Stanchina relayed that automated garbage collection has been delayed by the sale of Great American Disposal, but is not a dead issue. He imparted that an ordinance amendment may need to occur regarding garbage cans being left in front yards and consideration given on how to address the four remaining years on the refuse collection contract.

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**Adjournment**

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

*Isaac P. Micheau*

Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED