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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 15, 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 & Chief Financial Officer Lieburn

Oaths of Office

Members Tomassoni, Farragh & Alessandrini attested to the Oath of Office.

Council Reorganization

Nominations/Election of Mayor

City Manager Stanchina asked for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Member Blomquist nominated Member Alessandrini for Mayor.

City Manager Stanchina closed nominations.

~~It was moved by Revord and supported by Clawson to nominate Member Alessandrini as Mayor.~~

City Manager Stanchina called for a vote for the nomination of Member Alessandrini as Mayor.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Nomination/Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Alessandrini asked for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. Alessandrini nominated Member Blomquist for Mayor Pro-Tem. ~~Clawson Farragh~~ nominated Member ~~Farragh Clawson~~ for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Alessandrini closed nominations.

~~It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Blomquist to nominate Member Blomquist as Mayor Pro-Tem.~~

Mayor Alessandrini called for a vote for the nomination of Member Blomquist as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Clawson Nay

Zemar Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Farragh Nay

Maule Aye

Tomassoni Nay

Blomquist Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-3, Abstain-0)

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Tomassoni to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

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Public Hearing

Rezoning Request for Parcel 051-700-010 from R-1 to I-1, Applicant Dr. Daniel Mitchell

Francis Brouillette – 904 Sunset Dr.

Brouillette communicated that his family, 904 Sunset Dr., and Mr. Kevin Barglind, 905 Sunset Dr., respectfully disagree that the property under consideration should be rezoned from Residential-1 to Industrial-1.

Leann Lancour – 940 Sunset Dr.

Lancour stated that despite her family's good rapport with the Mitchell family, she has an opposition to the rezoning based on the potential future uses and their effect on surrounding property values.

Alessandrini noted that an emailed objection was provided by Paul and Julie Cowling.

Rick Gingras – N4636 Moon Lake Dr.

Gingras reiterated the support of the Mitchell family and concern that industrial development would be moving closer to residential zoning.

Dr. Mitchell – 910 Sunset Dr.

Mitchell indicated that the property has been for sale for over three years, that the land is not great for residential development and that he wants to simplify his life.

Dennis Olson – 1525 E. Margaret St.

Olson imparted his desire to only develop high-quality storage units and his willingness to plant a green barrier between the storage units and the adjacent neighborhood.

Alessandrini and Clawson conveyed that they rent storage units from Denny Olson.

Stanchina verified that you cannot rezone the property with restrictions.

Old Business

Consider Rezoning Request for Parcel 051-700-010 from R-1 to I-1, Applicant Dr. Daniel Mitchell

Micheau clarified that this type of development would not fit the intent of a planned unit development and that a conditional zoning is not a good option. Blomquist supported the idea that the City's current zoning options would not support this request. Clawson expressed the option that it would be preferable to develop the property and collect more tax revenue. Alessandrini and Blomquist relayed that it would be best to use the property for residential development.

It was moved by Clawson to approve the request by Dr. Daniel Mitchell to rezone parcel 051-700-010 from Residential-1 to Industrial-1.

No Support Offered.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Blomquist to deny the request by Dr. Daniel Mitchell to rezone parcel 051-700-010 from Residential-1 to Industrial-1.

Clawson Nay

Zemar Aye

Farragh Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Blomquist Aye

Maule Aye

Tomassoni Aye

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

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New 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 outlined the rezoning request 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 and the notification process.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Tomassoni to hold a public hearing on December 6, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. to 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 from Business-2 to Business-1.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Business Associate Agreement Re: Northstar EAP

Stanchina reviewed the benefits of the Northstar EAP program and its current utilization. Lieburn and Maule voiced their support for this program.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to approve the Business Associate Agreement with the Northstar Employee Assistance Program, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Tax-Foreclosed Property Title Transfer

Stanchina announced that the City of Iron Mountain has an opportunity to take ownership of 431 Vulcan Street, the former Oliva's Market via tax sale, if the City does not object. He asserted that it would be preferable for the city to object to taking ownership of the property due to the high cost of demolition for a building of that size and the land bank having greater grant opportunities. He confirmed that the City could request ownership at any time based on grant opportunities.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to object to the City of Iron Mountain taking ownership of 431 Vulcan Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Reserves

Stanchina reviewed the General Fund reserves.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve General Fund Reserves, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Write-off Re: Uncollectible Accounts Receivable

Stanchina outlined the write-off request for 300 W. F Street in the amount of \$90.00 for blight and 422 Pewabic Street in the amount of \$573.46 for unpaid utilities. He verified that the utility bill does not follow the property post tax-foreclosure.

It was moved by Tomassoni and supported by Maule to write-off \$90.00 for blight at 300 W. F Street and \$573.46 for unpaid utilities for 422 Pewabic Street.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

October Claims and Payroll

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Maule to approve Payroll in the amount of \$419,834.60 and Claims in the amount of \$456,194.25 with net claims being \$368,212.34.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported that the Stanton Street paving project is complete and others will be completed; 13 deer were taken during the 2021 Deer Management Assistance Program; an updated leaf collection map is available on the City's website and Facebook page; the City scored 300 out of 500 points on the DNR Trust Fund Grant to develop mountain biking trails and it cost the City \$8,600 to patch Detroit Street.

City Attorney Reports

None

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Committee Reports

It was agreed that the City Council would be provided a committee list and the issue would be considered at the next meeting based on member request.

City Attorney Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Alessandrini announced that Julie and William Wentworth donated \$5,000 to Friends of City Park. He requested City Council input on future projects.

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer

UNAPPROVED