

## *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, March 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Moraska, Alessandrini, Corombos & Villa

Absent: Council Member Farragh

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

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to excuse Member Farragh's absence.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Rosen requested that "Discussion of Lake Antoine Road" be added as item number six under New Business. He asked that items three and four under Old Business be switched with items one and two under Old Business.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the agenda, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2013*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2013, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2013*

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2013, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

**Alley Vacation Request Re: Iron Mountain Public Schools**

Rosen opened the public hearing.

*James Marlett (Representative for Elayne Marlett) – 222 West B Street*

Marlett objected to the proposed alley closure on the basis of potential property devaluation due to decreased accessibility.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

### **Sign Ordinance**

Rosen opened the public hearing.

*Bob Baker – W8062 Lake Antoine Road*

Baker expressed the opinion that the sign ordinance, as presented, would increase the costs of doing business and therefore harm the local economy. He detailed several objections to the ordinance.

*Benjamin Baker – Owner of Baker Sign Company*

Baker indicated that he is not in support of approving the proposed sign ordinance due to its restrictive nature. He outlined his objections.

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*David Fraser – 414 West Fleshiem Street*

Fraser imparted his concern toward the sign ordinance's approval as it would create additional regulation. He communicated his concerns.

*Jonathan Ringel – 814 West Fleshiem Street*

Ringel stated that the goal of the proposed ordinance is not to penalize, but to further the community's economic growth through consistent standards and increased safety.

*Larry Douglas – Perennial Gardens*

He stressed the importance of utilizing off premise advertising for businesses that are not located on Stephenson Avenue.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Alley Vacation Request Re: Iron Mountain Public Schools**

Moraska relayed that the alley should not be vacated due to an affected property owner's objection.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Jacobetti to deny the Iron Mountain Public School's vacation request, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Sign Ordinance**

Moraska urged those whom intend to frequent the Planning Commission meeting concerning the sign ordinance to be prepared to discuss possible solutions to their concerns.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to table the proposed sign ordinance and refer it back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and community input.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Opening of Bids Re: City Hall Carpet Replacement**

Stanchina opened the following bids.

|                       | <i>Carpet Tile (\$/yd<sup>2</sup>)</i> | <i>Broadloom (\$/yd<sup>2</sup>)</i> | <i>Uninstalled</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Slumberland Furniture | \$28.61                                | n/a                                  | \$880.90           |
| Northern Carpets      | \$42.86 & \$37.87                      | \$30.85 & \$25.45                    | n/a                |

**Referred to Staff for Review**

**Opening of Bids Re: Surplus Equipment**

Stanchina opened the following bids.

*Jim Christiansen – 225 Maple Street, Kingsford, MI*

2001 White Riding Mower - \$26

*Scott Visintainer – 715 County N, Niagara, WI*

2005 Chevy Impala - \$601

2001 White Riding Mower - \$26

1 Rolling Dock - \$301

*Rick Lewis – 526 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Iron Mountain, MI*

150 HP Electric Motor – \$60

*Norman Rouge – N11425 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Channing, MI*

2001 White Riding Mower - \$75

*Carrie Ann Clark – W 8908 Peavy Falls Road, Iron Mountain, MI*

2000 Dodge Stratus - \$2,155

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*Susan Theisen – 1116 Fairbanks Street, Iron Mountain, MI*  
2005 Chevy Impala - \$626

*Stuart Peterson – W1995 Kling Road, Foster City, MI*  
1996 Ford Crown Victoria - \$606

*Scott Winters – W8100 Old Carney Lake Road, Iron Mountain, MI*  
2001 White Riding Mower - \$26

*Gary Brooks – N3715 Bass Lake Road, Iron Mountain, MI 49801*  
Rolling Dock - \$207

*David Prudhomme – 4924 Lincoln Street, Quinnesec, MI*  
1 16.5 L – 16.1 Tractor implement tire and wheel - \$56  
1 Rolling Dock - \$213

*Jim Toretta – W4523 Fern Street, Vulcan, MI*  
2005 Chevy Impala - \$1,177  
2001 White Riding Mower - \$73

*Doug Johnson – W7978 Sportsman Club Road, Iron Mountain, MI*  
2001 White Riding Mower - \$27

*Dan Campbell – 5014 U.S. HWY 2, Florence, WI*  
2005 Chevy Impala – \$505  
2001 White Riding Mower - \$25

**New Business**

**Appointment to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission Re: Marshall Kesler**

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to appoint Marshall Kesler to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission for a four year term to expire on January 9, 2017.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Appointment to the Board of Review Re: David Santi**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to appoint David Santi to the Board of Review for a three year term to expire on January 1, 2016.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Re: Greta Michaud**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to appoint Greta Michaud to the Downtown Development Authority for a four year term to expire on April 4, 2017.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Charitable Gaming License Re: Iron Mountain Music Boosters**

Stanchina stated that the Iron Mountain Music Boosters is requesting the Council's approval for a charitable gaming license for a fundraiser to be held at the Pine Grove Country Club on May 11, 2013.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve the charitable gaming license for the Iron Mountain Music Boosters, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Street Closure Re: First National Bank Half-Marathon**

Stanchina relayed that the requested street closures for the 2013 half-marathon are the same as they were in 2012.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the requested street closures for the First National Bank Half-Marathon, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Discussion of Lake Antoine Road**

Rosen communicated the opinion that the City should endorse the closure of the Lake Antoine Road to truck traffic during spring break up due to excessive pavement degradation. Alessandrini, Moraska, Villa and Jacobetti asserted that it would not be ideal to endorse the closure of the Lake Antoine Road to truck traffic due to the degradation of Stephenson Avenue's road surface, safety concerns and excessive speed. Rosen and Corombos supported the closure of the Lake Antoine Road to truck traffic in an effort to preserve the road surface.

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**February Claims and Payroll**

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve Payroll in the amount of \$276,666.55 and Claims in the amount of \$651,494.85, with net claims being \$336,657.53.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**City Manager Reports**

Stanchina reported on the status of the Qualification Proposals for the Water System Study.

Stanchina clarified that the large amount of overtime in February was due to health issues.

**City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola updated the City Council on the legal status of medical marihuana dispensaries.

Pirkola detailed his preliminary opinion regarding the providing of electricity to the Boss Snowplow parking lot.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Alessandrini objected to the assertion that he excessively offers his opinions at City Council meetings.

**Executive Session Re: Collective Bargaining Strategy**

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Moraska to move into executive session at 8:29 p.m.

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| Alessandrini | Aye |
| Jacobetti    | Aye |
| Moraska      | Aye |
| Rosen        | Aye |
| Corombos     | Aye |
| Villa        | Aye |

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

Executive Session ended at 8:32 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer