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Special Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members List, Moraska, Alessandrini, Revord, & Villa

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

She urged the City Council to consider an appointee that offers a diverse perspective.

New Business

Appointment for Unexpired At-Large Council Vacancy

Rosen thanked Barry Denny, Rick Zolner, Richard Hartwell and Kyle Blomquist for expressing an interest in serving as a City Council member. Alessandrini and Revord relayed that it would be preferable for candidates to be present at future City Council appointment meetings. Moraska conveyed his support for the appointment of Rick Zolner. Rosen expressed his support for Barry Denny.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to table this matter in order to interview applicants for the City Council member position.

Motion Withdrawn

List and Alessandrini stressed the importance of allowing each candidate the opportunity to be present at the City Council meeting when an appointment is made.

Rick Zolner

Zolner presented his background. He indicated that his intentions are to bring diversity to the City Council from the perspective of being a property and business owner. Zolner highlighted his fiscal conservatism. He identified declining property values as a significant concern.

Kyle Blomquist

Blomquist imparted his intentions to contribute toward the advancement of the City of Iron Mountain. He communicated the opinion that economic development is a significant concern. Blomquist voiced his support for the consideration of consolidated services. He asserted that blight is a symptom of a larger problem and that it needs to be addressed within the City of Iron Mountain. Blomquist informed the City Council that his top priorities would be economic development and business advancement. He outlined his beliefs on the issues relating to the Iron Mountain School District. Blomquist confirmed that he has sufficient time to commit to the position. He related that the most important services a city can offer in an effort to assist businesses is a vibrant downtown, increased property maintenance standards and improved city wide marketing.

Barry Denny

Denny conveyed his desire to give back to the community by serving on the City Council. He indicated that the consolidation of services should be considered in an effort to maintain service levels at a reduced cost. Denny expressed the opinion that the desire to consolidate is key to the consolidation effort being successful. He communicated that business advancement, workforce development and community wide aesthetic improvements are paramount for the City to progress. Denny confirmed that he has sufficient time to serve as a City Council member. He imparted that a skilled workforce and city wide aesthetics are important to attract businesses and citizens to the community. Denny stressed the importance of the City of Iron Mountain and the Iron Mountain School District working together in order to advance the community. He outlined his pension management experience.

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Rosen nominated Barry Denny for the City Council vacancy. Moraska nominated Rick Zolner for the City Council vacancy. List nominated Kyle Blomquist for the City Council vacancy.

Barry Denny

Rosen Aye
Moraska Nay
Revord Nay
Alessandrini Nay
List Nay
Villa Aye

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-4, Abstain-0)

Rick Zolner

List Nay
Alessandrini Nay
Villa Nay
Revord Aye
Rosen Aye
Moraska Aye

Motion Failed (Aye-3, Nay-3, Abstain-0)

Blomquist

Revord Aye
Rosen Nay
Alessandrini Aye
Villa Nay
Moraska Nay
List Aye

Motion Failed (Aye-3, Nay-3, Abstain-0)

Alessandrini and List supported choosing Blomquist due to his fresh perspective. Rosen voiced the opinion that Blomquist did not offer solutions to accompany his assessment of the City's concerns. Revord and List relayed that the City Council needs energetic people. Rosen questioned Blomquist's life experience. Moraska asserted the belief that Blomquist lacks experience. Villa noted her concern that Blomquist would not be fiscally conservative. Zolner and Denny related that they would run for re-election if they were chosen for this position.

Blomquist

Moraska Nay
Alessandrini Nay
List Aye
Revord Aye
Villa Nay
Rosen Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-4, Abstain-0)

Rick Zolner

List Nay
Alessandrini Aye
Villa Aye
Revord Aye
Rosen Nay
Moraska Aye

Motion Failed Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-2, Abstain-0)

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The City Council welcomed Rick Zolner.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer