

# City of Iron Mountain

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Special Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

## Public Comment

None

## New Business

### Discussion of RFP Process

Stanchina stated the opinion that the RFP evaluation process is not being properly utilized. He conveyed that companies which are submitting proposals should only be asked questions for the purpose of clarification. Jacobetti presented the idea of developing an RFP proposal that would have every consultant submit a proposal based on a set number of hours. The City Council discussed as to whether or not the language "similar to" in the bid specs was an area of confusion while bidding the last project. Stanchina stressed the importance of choosing a firm that will provide the best value for the cost, not necessarily the lowest cost. Moraska supported the idea of making the RFP's less ambiguous and keeping the City Council better informed. Stanchina stated that always choosing the lowest bidder could cause adverse feelings among consultants and contractors concerning the City's bidding practices. Rosen relayed that the recommendations from the Infrastructure Committee have been inconsistent. Stanchina reiterated the importance of maintaining the integrity of the bidding process. He clarified that the purpose of the consultant selection process is to select a qualified firm that the City trusts to design the best overall product. Jacobetti expressed the opinion that the current RFP is adequate and that project specific details should be increased in the future. It was concluded that questions concerning submitted proposals be directed through the City Manager and that bidding firms will respond to questions at the committee level, not at the City Council meeting.

Rosen reappointed Alessandrini to the Infrastructure Committee.

## No Action Taken

## Public Comment

None

## Adjournment

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

## Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer