

## *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: Member Villa

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Rosen requested that "Approval of Resolution for MDOT Category A Grant Funds Re: Lake Antoine Rd" be moved from item number eight to item number two under New 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 June 18, 2012*

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Farragh to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2012, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

**Eagle Tool Street Vacation Request Re: Woodward Ave.**

Stanchina presented the proposed alley vacation for the northern half of Woodward Avenue from the east line of Milwaukee Avenue to the west line of railroad right of way.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

*Peter Ryan - 307 East C Street*

He voiced his support for the approval of the vacation, as presented.

Pirkola confirmed that right of way can not be vacated conditionally.

Rosen and Corombos noted their support for the vacation.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

### **Old Business**

**Consideration of Eagle Tool Street Vacation Request Re: Woodward Ave.**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to vacate the northern half of Woodward Avenue from the east line of Milwaukee Avenue to the west line of railroad right of way, with a utility easement.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

**Approval of Resolution Dissolving the Tax Incremental Finance Authority**

Rosen recognized the past and present TIFA Boards for their contribution to the City of Iron Mountain.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the resolution to dissolve TIFA.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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Rosen read the proposed resolution of acknowledgment into the record.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve the resolution of acknowledgement for the Tax Incremental Finance Authority's contribution to the City of Iron Mountain.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Resolution for MDOT Category A Grant Funds Re: Lake Antoine Rd.**

Stanchina explained that funds are available to repair the Lake Antoine Road using MDOT Category A Grant Funds due to future expansion by a local firm. He noted that once the grant funds are approved truck traffic would be able to utilize the lake Antoine Road again and that the Dickinson County Road Commission would not have the option to close the road to truck traffic in the future.

Lance Malburg, Dickinson County Road Commission Engineer, stated his support of the project.

Jim Harris, Dickinson County Road Commission Member, confirmed that the road restrictions on Lake Antoine Road would be lifted when approval of the grant funds are confirmed.

Jacobetti expressed his disapproval for the manner in which the closure of the Lake Antoine Road was handled in the past.

Malburg stated that the bike path would be expanded due to the proposed project.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the resolution for MDOT Category A Grant Funds for the Lake Antoine Road.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of 2012-2013 Dues Re: Michigan Municipal League**

Stanchina relayed that the Michigan Municipal League (MML) had frozen their dues for the past three years and that they are requesting a 2.7% increase this year. He stressed the importance of their representation of municipal concerns on the state level and the training they offer. Jacobetti supported the approval of the 2012 MML dues with reservations.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the 2012 MML due in the amount of \$4,087.00.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Amendments to the City Policy Manual and Administrative Personnel Policy Manual Re: Health Insurance**

Stanchina communicated that the administrative suffix has to adjust their contribution towards health insurance from 10% to 15.94% and that the reimbursement for non-generic co pays must be removed due to the hard cap requirement in Michigan Public Act 152.

It was moved by Farragh and supported and Rosen to approve the amendment to the City Policy Manual and Administrative Personnel Policy Manual for health insurance.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association**

Stanchina recommend the payment of the 2012 Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association (UPTRA) dues in the amount of \$300.00. He outlined the benefits that UPTRA offers the local area.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the 2012 UPTRA dues in the amount of \$300.00.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Additional Depositories Re: All Dickinson County Financial Institutions**

Stanchina explained that the approval of additional depositories would increase the possibility for the City to receive a higher rate of return on its invested funds.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the additional depositories as listed in the Chief Financial Officer's Memo.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval to Purchase Water Telemetry Equipment Re: P.J. Kortens**

Stanchina stated that the cost of maintaining a dedicated phone line at Well #4 has become prohibitive and that it would be optimal to utilize a tower with a water repeater to link Well #4 to the water system.

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It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to approve the purchase of water telemetry equipment from P.J. Kortens in the amount of \$5,600.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Grant Agreement Re: DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant Program**

Stanchina announced that the City has been selected for a DTE Energy Tree Planting Grant Program. He conveyed that the DTE grant could be utilized as part of the local match on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant to improve City Park.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to approve the DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant application, as proposed.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

None

**City Manager Reports**

Stanchina relayed that the State of Michigan has passed a ban on synthetic marijuana that took effect on July 1, 2012.

Stanchina informed the City Council of the method by which rental housing inspections will address electrical receptacles.

**City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola outlined the available options to remedy Breitung Township's rezoning of 425 Agreement areas. He conveyed the opinion that the Utility Services Agreement and 425 Agreement were intended to be utilized jointly. Alessandrini and Farragh expressed their concern for the potential future costs of infrastructure improvements due to the Utility Services Agreement. It was concluded that the City Manager would set a meeting with Breitung Township to discuss the rezoning of 425 Agreement areas.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Alessandrini and Farragh voiced their appreciation for TIFA's contributions to the community.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer