

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor Tousignant
Present: Council Members Tchokreff, Burke, VanLaanen, Jacobs and Caudell
Absent: Rigoni
Also Present: City Atty. Pirkola

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following amendment:

AGENDA

- VII. New Business
- 8. Appointment of Board of Review member

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 20, 2006, stand approved as submitted. **MINUTES**

Public Hearing

1. A public hearing was opened to discuss an **Ordinance to create the Dept. of Planning and Community Development**.
No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed.
2. A public hearing was opened to discuss the Rezoning of the **Khoury Property**.
No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed

Public Comment

William Toedter – 631 East “C” Street – expressed concern that new city employment positions should save the taxpayer money.

Old Business

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Burke to approve an Ordinance to establish the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Dept. of Planning and Community Development

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)
NO: (0)

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by VanLaanen to approve the Rezoning of the Khoury Property from Industrial (I-1) to Commercial (B-2).

Rezoning Khoury Property

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)
NO: (0)

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Jacobs to approve Anderson, Tackman and Company, PLC as the City Auditor for two years at a cost not to exceed \$22,300 in the first year and \$23,000 in the second year, starting FY ending June 30, 2006.

Audit Services

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)
NO: (0)

New Business

Per the City Travel Policy, City Manager Marquart informed the Council of upcoming travel plans. The City Manager, Mayor, Dir. of Public Works and Clerk/Treasurer will attend the MML Annual Legislative Conference March 21-23 in Lansing. Also City Manager Marquart will attend a regional conference in Chicago, March 30 & 31, for the International City Management Professionals Association.

Travel Plans

It was introduced and moved by VanLaanen and supported by Burke to establish a Public Hearing for an Access Management Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be on March 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m..

Access Management

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)

NO: (0)

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by VanLaanen to approve a resolution to appoint Mr. Bob Becotte, the Director of Public Works, as the Street Administrator.

Street Administrator

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)

NO: (0)

Is was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Caudell to set a date and time of March 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., for public hearings regarding DNR grants for the Downtown Hub and the North Side Ball Field.

DNR Grants Downtown Hub North Side Ball Field

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)

NO: (0)

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Tchokreff to set a date and time of March 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., for a public hearing regarding the MEDC grant closeout and a public hearing regarding a grant application for utilities extension.

MEDC Grant Closeout and Grant App. for Utilities Extension

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)

NO: (0)

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve the appointment of Mrs. Carol Wilcheck to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission.

Appointment to IM Housing Commission

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)

NO: (0)

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to set a date and time of March 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., for a public hearing regarding a Utility Relocation Ordinance.

Utility Relocation Ordinance

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (6)

NO: (0)

Mayor Tousignant appointed Alvin J. Dame to the Board of Review.

Alvin J. Dame Board of Review

Financial Reports

City Manager Reports

City Manager Marquart stated that the City completed a notice of intent to file a full application to the MEDC in the amount of \$375,000 for infrastructure improvements in the designated Vision 2020 area.

City Manager Marquart also noted that he received word that funds were now available for Phase 2 of the Lake Antoine Boat Launch Improvements and the work would start this construction season.

City Manager Marquart commented that Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway and Breitung Township received a \$25,000 grant as a Center for Regional Excellence. The grant is over two years and is to be used to study regionalization of public safety and code enforcement.

City Manager Marquart said the City is working to find a solution to the sounding of the train whistles.

City Attorney Reports

Committee Reports

Burke reported on the last Public Safety Committee Meeting and requested another Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Public Comment

No more residents came forward to speak at this time.

Council Member Privilege

Caudell was encouraged with the direction the City is moving and the City being named a Center for Regional excellence.

VanLaanen commented that some of the positions created within the City has allowed the City to have in-house expertise instead of always going outside City Hall to have questions answered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer