

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

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

It was moved by Burke and supported by Tchokreff to move VIII. New Business1. IMHS Cheerleader Resolution, to V. Special Presentation 2..

Motion prevailed unanimously.

AGENDA

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 6, 2006, stand approved as submitted.

MINUTES

Public Hearing

1. A public hearing was opened to discuss the proposed Access Management Ordinance.
No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed.
2. A public hearing was opened to discuss the submission of DNR grant applications for the Downtown Hub and the North Side Ball Field
No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed.
3. A public hearing was opened to discuss the MEDC grant Marketing Analysis Close-Out and Utility Extension for the Champion Inc. project.
No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed.
4. A public hearing was opened to discuss the proposed Utility Relocation Ordinance.

**Access
Management**

**Downtown Hub
North Side Ball
Field**

**Marketing
Analysis Close-
Out, Champion
Inc.**

Utility Relocation

David Molinare – WE Energies - asked the Council to table the ordinance pending the Michigan Supreme Court case of Detroit Edison v. City of Taylor. The outcome of this case could have a direct impact on the proposed ordinance.

Marsha Bertoldi – AT&T – agreed with Mr. Molinare to table this ordinance until the Michigan Supreme Court reaches a decision on the case mentioned above.

Special Presentation

Ms. Cathi Cole presented a check in the amount of \$278,752, from the MEDC, for the Champion Inc. Utility Extension project.

**Utility Extension
Champion Inc.**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Caudell to approve a Resolution recognizing the exemplary record of achievement for the 2005-2006 Iron Mountain High School Cheerleading Team.

**IMHS
Cheerleading
Team**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak during public comment.

Old Business

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Rigoni to approve an ordinance for Access Management.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**Access
Management**

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to approve a Resolution for submission of a DNR grant application for the Downtown Hub.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**Downtown
Hub**

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Burke to approve a Resolution for submission of a DNR grant application for the North Side Ball Field.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**North Side
Ball Field**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Jacobs to submit an application for a MEDC Utility Extension grant and to approve the Community Development Plan Motion prevailed to wit:

AYES: (5) Caudell, Jacobs, Tchokreff, Tousignant and Burke

NAYS: (0)

ABS: (1) Rigoni

Motion Carried.

**Utility Extension
Grant**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Rigoni to table the Utility Relocation Ordinance indefinitely.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**Utility
Relocation**

New Business

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve Resolution that enters the City into a cost sharing agreement with MDOT for the US HWY 2, Lake Antoine Road traffic signal.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**Lake Antoine
Road Traffic
Signal**

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Tchokreff to approve a Resolution accepting the terms of the Agreement with the State of Michigan for the West Lake Antoine Boat Launch.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**West Lake
Antoine Boat
Launch**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Caudell to approve Change Order #4 from Herbert Construction Company, in the amount of \$6,002.56 for the water project. Motion prevailed to wit:

AYES: (5) Caudell, Jacobs, Tchokreff, Tousignant and Burke

NAYS: (0)

ABS: (1) Rigoni

Motion Carried.

**Water Project
Change Order
#4**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Caudell to approve the pay request from Herbert Construction Company in the amount of \$48,530.87, for the water project.

AYES: (5) Caudell, Jacobs, Tchokreff, Tousignant and Burke

NAYS: (0)

ABS: (1) Rigoni

Motion Carried.

**Water Project
Pay Request**

It was moved by Caudell and supported by Tchokreff to approve a Resolution moving three City streets per the Resolutions, from Local Street Fund to the Major Street Fund.
Motion prevailed unanimously.

**3 streets from
Local Fund to
Major Fund**

Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of February with regular wages in the amount of \$247,397.29 and OT in the amount of \$33,495.17. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$390,393.47.

**Claims and
Payroll**

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Burke to approve Claims and Payroll in the amounts noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

The Council reviewed an automated clearing invoice to MERS in the amount of \$18,777.36 on 3/17/06.

**Automated
Invoice**

City Manager Reports

Council Member Rigoni asked City Manager Marquart to explain recent Daily News articles about Breitung Township and the City of Iron Mountain. City Manager Marquart explained starting in January of 2006 the City has met with the Township to discuss economic development on N. and S. Stephenson Avenue. Mr. Marquart explained that the City offered the Township a 425 Tax Sharing Agreement for some lots in front of Home Depot. The Township said they had no interest in such an agreement.

**City Attorney Reports
Committee Reports**

Council Member Burke reported on the last Public Safety Committee meeting and informed the Council that the Committee would look to have two public forums. The first forum will be an informational forum for the concerns of senior citizens and is initially scheduled for mid to late May. The second forum would be for a discussion on forming a Neighborhood Watch and is initially scheduled for mid May to June.

Council Member Caudell reported on the last Park and Recreation Committee meeting. The Committee suggests that the City of Iron Mountain should have a satellite Memorial Day Mackinac Bridge Walk.

Public Comment

No residents came forward to speak at this time.

Council Member Privilege

Council Member Tchokreff would like to see local street repair as a priority for the upcoming budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer