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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Agenda**

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 11, 2006, January 2, 2007 and January 8, 2007.

**Minutes**

### Public Comment

Dale Alessandrini – 1120 N Iron Mountain St. – asked again about the November 7, 2006 charter amendment.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Rigoni to approve the purchase of GIS software in the amount of \$19,933.89.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

**GIS  
Software**

### Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of December with regular wages in the amount of \$374,182.37 and OT in the amount of \$23,589.15. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$608,177.86.

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to approve claims and payroll in the amounts noted above.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

**Claims and  
Payroll**

### City Manager Reports

Council Member Rigoni responded to the Public Comment and said that once the amendment was approved by the November 7, 2006 election, it becomes part of the Charter.

Council Member Jacobs asked about recent water issues. City Manager Marquart responded the water is safe and the City is looking into what is causing positive tests of coli form, which by itself is not harmful but can be used as an indicator.

Council Member VanLaanen inquired about a petition for a street light around the 1000 block of East C St. City Manager Marquart could not find any guarantee in the developer's agreement as stated by the petition.

### **City Attorney Reports**

City Attorney Pirkola delivered an update on the question of forming a Planning Commission. He spoke with members of the Michigan Municipal League who were involved in a similar issue for another municipality that had a Planning Board established by the Charter. Attorney Pirkola said due to the Charter, the Planning Board must remain unless there was a Charter amendment. At this time, he thinks that the City could expand the responsibilities of the Planning Board to act as a Planning Commission. He will research this issue further and report his findings to the City Council in the upcoming meetings.

### **Committee Reports**

Council Member VanLaanen reported on a recent Planning Board meeting he attended. The Planning Board would like to create special zoning districts for downtown but the master plan will need to be opened for this to be accomplished. City Manager Marquart noted that a subcommittee of the DDA and Planning Board have looked at new and different signage for the downtown area.

Council Member VanLaanen also reported on the Healthcare Committee meeting. He said that Robert W. Baird sent the City a proposal to bond the unfunded retirement and health liability. Mayor Tousignant and Council Member VanLaanen felt that this proposal and other alternatives must be thoroughly studied and researched.

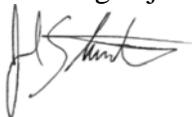
### **Public Comment**

None

### **Council Member Privilege**

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



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Clerk-Treasurer