

# 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, April 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following:

**Agenda**

- VI. New Business
- 5. Sewer Backup Policy Discussion

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 19, 2007.

**Minutes**

### Public Comment

Robert Bouche – 1012 Bluff Ave. – would have liked to see the Special Meeting scheduled for March 12, 2007 called to order instead of being cancelled. The Special Meeting had a Public Hearing for the possible sale and vacation of City land. He requested from the City the reason that the Special Meeting was cancelled. The City Manager stated the petitioner withdrew the request for the Public Hearing.

### Old Business

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Burke to have a Special Meeting on April 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing to discuss the possible sale and vacation of City land to Mr. Mark Blomquist.

**Sale and Vacation of City Land**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### New Business

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by VanLaanen to approve a Special Use Permit for one year to Mr. Kraig Soderberg for a greenhouse at 302 Blaine St.. It must be taken down no later than July 15, 2007 and follow the conditions of a memo dated March 28, 2007 by Mr. Mark Woolard.

**Special Use Soderberg**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Jacobs to approve a Special Use Permit for two years to Mr. Dale Alessandrini for a greenhouse at 1011 N Stephenson Ave. The permit must follow the conditions of a memo by Mr. Mark Woolard dated March 2, 2007, with the exception of a change from a one year to a two year permit.

**Special Use Alessandrini**

**Motion prevailed to wit:**

**Ayes: (6) Jacobs, Caudell, Tchokreff, Tousignant, VanLaanen and Burke**

**Nay: (0)**

**Abs: (1) Rigoni**

**Motion carried.**

## **New Business(cont.)**

It was moved by Burke and supported by Tchokreff to allow "Camp 911" use of the City Park Pavilion on June 20 and 21, 2007, at no charge.

### **Camp 911**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

Dr. Bob Baker of the Lake Antoine Association made a request that the City close the west side Lake Antoine boat launch. The Association believes closing this boat launch could help control the spread of Eurasian milfoil. Having only the County boat launch will make it easier to educate boaters about invasive species in Lake Antoine. Council Member Caudell asked if the \$50,000 grant the City received for the west end boat launch could be altered and used for a park that would replace the boat launch. City Manager Marquart felt that the grant could not be changed from boat launch improvements to creating a park. Mayor Tousignant suggested a Park and Rec. Committee meeting to discuss this issue further and make a recommendation to the City Council on how to proceed.

### **West Lake Antoine Boat Launch**

**No action taken.**

Council Member VanLaanen requested a discussion of the City's sewer backup policy. He said the current letter sent to someone with a sewer backup is inadequate because it does not state who makes the decision and what the options are after the decision. Council Member Rigoni thinks the policy should stay the same and agrees that the communication needs to change. Mayor Tousignant suggested looking at it in Executive Committee and coming back to the Council with a recommendation.

### **Sewer Backup Policy**

**No action taken.**

## **Financial Reports**

**None**

## **City Manager Reports**

1. Council Member Burke asked if any more testing was conducted on Crystal Lake. City Manager Marquart responded that a grant for additional testing was submitted to DEQ but the City has not heard back from DEQ. Burke also asked about the vandalism to Crystal Lake field from vehicles driving on it. He would like to see some natural barriers placed to help prevent this.
2. Council Member Rigoni asked about the rubbish pick up. City Manager Marquart noted that the pickup will be done by quadrants with specific dates.
3. Council Member VanLaanen asked if the City received any notification for the railroad crossing repair. City Manager Marquart stated the City has not received any notification from the State if the repairs will take place.

## **City Attorney Reports**

**None**

## **Committee Reports**

Council Member Jacobs reported on a recent Park and Rec. Committee meeting. Mr. Bob Palomaki of the local baseball leagues asked the Committee if they could renew the practice of contracting with a company to weed and feed the baseball fields. Council Member Jacobs also noted that surveys will be distributed to find the interest of residents in having a community garden.

### **Public Comment**

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd. – said now would be a good time to put in an aeration system in Crystal Lake. She would like the City to inform people if there is a high test for bacteria in the lake. She also asked if cleaning of the catch basins near the lake is taking place.

Robert Bouche – 1012 Bluff Ave. 49802 – asked if there was a law pertaining to the cancellation of meetings.

Ted Corombos – 1115 Wells St. – asked about the Signature Building program at the old Champion Inc. building. He asked about the 50% match that was reported in the Daily News. The City Manager stated the State grant match is actually 25%. Mr. Corombos also asked how the value of the building is determined.

### **Council Member Privilege**

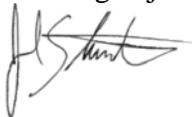
Council Member Caudell read excerpts of letters in favor of the current downtown parking plans.

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Tchokreff to adjourn into Executive Session. (7:40 p.m.)

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by VanLaanen to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular session. (7:45 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina  
Clerk-Treasurer