

# 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, June 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

- Presiding: Mayor Tousignant
- Present: Council Members Burke, Tchokreff, Caudell, VanLaanen and Rigoni
- Excused: Council Member Jacobs
- Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following:

## Agenda

- VI. New Business
  - 7. Approval of sewer back up settlement agreement

The minutes of the previous meeting of May 21, 2007 stand approved as submitted.

## Minutes

### Public Comment

None

### Old Business

Bids for 850' of fencing at Chapin Field were opened with amounts as follows:

## Chapin Field Fence

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| 1. | Delta Fence(Escanaba)        | \$7,470 |
| 2. | Northern Landscaping(Norway) | \$7,650 |
| 3. | Fortress Fence(Green Bay)    | \$8,944 |
| 4. | Escanaba Fence Co.           | \$9,350 |

### New Business

## Chapin Field Fence

Council Member Tchokreff would like to keep the bid local since Northern Landscaping was only \$180 more. Council Member Rigoni felt that the bid should be awarded to the lowest bidder to ensure competitive bids in the future. It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Caudell to award Delta Fence the bid for 850' of fence at Chapin Field.

**Ayes: 5 (Rigoni, Caudell, VanLaanen, Burke and Tousignant)**

**Nays: 1 (Tchokreff)**

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve financing of \$25,100 for a new Crown Victoria squad car to Northern Michigan Bank. This is a two year loan with an interest rate of 4%, resulting in 4 semi-annual payments of \$6,591.86.

## Squad Car Financing

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Tchokreff to approve the special use permit as recommended by the Planning Board, to allow Alltel to replace a cell phone tower antenna on an existing tower on Millie Hill

## Alltel Antenna Special Use Permit

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **New Business(Cont.)**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Caudell to approve the closure of East A Street from the entrance into each City parking lot on East A St. to Iron Mountain St. on each Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting June 23, 2007 through October 13, 2007 for the purpose of a Farmer's Market.

**Farmer's  
Market**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

City Manager Marquart stated that this was a \$30,000 analysis of the Main Street area and it would be fully funded by the State.

**Main Street  
Marketing  
Analysis**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve a resolution supporting the submission of an application to the State Main Street Program on behalf of the Iron Mountain Main Street Board for a detailed marketing analysis of the main street area.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

Mayor Tousignant commented that MI PA 480 removed negotiations from local franchise agreements. The agreement document is prescribed by PA 480 and is between the City of Iron Mountain and Charter Communications.

**Video Service  
Franchise  
Agreement**

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Tchokreff to approve the Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

City Attorney Pirkola stated that both sides have been working on a settlement over the past two to three weeks. Council Member Caudell wanted to reiterate that the City was not ignoring Mr. Giguere but working towards a settlement. City Attorney stated that when Mr. Giguere retained an attorney all correspondence had to go through the attorney. Council Member Caudell stated the settlement took this long because Mr. Giguere retained an attorney. City Attorney Pirkola said that could have been part of it but the size of the loss also takes more time to investigate and determine the size of the loss.

**Sewer  
Back Up  
Settlement**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve the sewer back up settlement.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Report**

Council Member Burke thanked the City Manager for work to secure the H St. reconstruction project.

Council Member Rigoni stated that the 800 block of Fairbanks St. needs to be repaved. City Manager Marquart said that the DPW Director will engineer the project and the project will be completed in house during the middle to later part of summer.

Council Member Tchokreff stated he would like to see attention given to streets around the Stockbridge St. area.

Council Member Caudell asked about posting 25 mph, Children at Play signs. City Manager Marquart stated that the signs are in the process of being put up.

Council Member Burke asked about putting up trees by Crystal Lake. City Manager Marquart responded that the City is in the process of selecting trees to plant.

### **City Manager Report(cont.)**

Council Member VanLaanen noted that the City of Kingsford has plans to put a storm water retention pond in the sewer creek right of way. The City of Iron Mountain and the City of Kingsford own the right of way jointly and he believes that the deeds states any changes to the right of way must be approved by both cities. Council Member VanLaanen feels that the sewer creek right of way would make a good place for a snowmobile trail

Council Member Rigoni stated that DPW did a good job restoring the yards of residents south of East Elementary that were torn up for a utility project in late fall of 2006. He stated that in the future the City needs to plan the projects better so residents aren't inconvenienced with torn up yards for long periods of time.

Council Member VanLaanen asked if the developer of the 900 block of East D St. will finish the landscaping needed after the utility project. City Manager Marquart stated the developer will do landscaping, finish driveways and remove debris piles. Council Member Burke asked if the City received retribution from the developer for work the City conducted on the developers behalf. City Manager Marquart stated the developer will do additional work from the original agreement so that it is a wash. The developer will do the additional work or the City will attempt to collect on the original invoice.

### **City Attorney Report**

None

### **Committee Reports**

Council Member VanLaanen stated that the Parks and Rec. Committee looked at the vacant City lot below Hulst Manor for a possible Community Garden location. He stated the area will need deer fencing and the committee would look at possibly tilling the ground this year. Council Member Caudell said the City should maintain the boundaries of the community garden. Also, she stated that the committee is looking for volunteers to step forward and help with the project. Council Member Tchokreff stated that the people in the neighborhood of the proposed location would be opposed to the garden because people use that area for a dog walk. Council Member VanLaanen noted that this location was selected because it is flat and there is access to water. Also, he stated that the City is currently looking at more trails on Millie Hill that could be used for dog walks.

### **Public Comment**

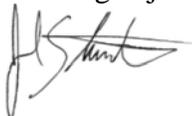
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### **Council Member Privilege**

Council Member Burke said that residents are excited about expansion in the City.

Council Member Tchokreff stated that the City should look at utilization of Millie Hill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina  
Clerk-Treasurer