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

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Agenda

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 16, 2007 stand approved as submitted.

Minutes

Public Comment

John Bertoldi – 717 Harding Ave. – made a presentation on the success of this year’s UP Hogwild. This was the first year the event was a State Championship.

John Juneau – 401 Sagola Ave. East Kingsford – stated that his parent’s house located at 16 S Park Ave., was changed from semi-commercial to residential and is now evaluated at \$200,000.

Public Hearing

Mayor Tousignant opened the Public Hearing.
No one came forward to speak.
Mayor Tousignant closed the Public Hearing.

**Northstar Industries
Lease Agreement**

Old Business

Council Member Rigoni asked if the lease was required by the grant. City Manager Marquart stated the lease was required by the grant. Mayor Tousignant said item #7 of the lease does not allow for subletting of the parking lot.
It was moved by Burke and supported by Jacobs to adopted the ordinance for the Northstar Industries lease agreement.

**Northstar Industries
Lease Agreement**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business

City Manager Marquart stated that the health care policy was modified so the City does not cover new spouses or dependents after the employee’s retirement.
Mayor Tousignant stated that prior to this policy, retired employees could add new spouses or dependents to the City’s health care insurance. Council Member VanLaanen asked about employees taking early retirement. City Manager Marquart stated that once you retire this policy would be in effect.
It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Tchokreff to adopt the Health Care Policy that would prevent the addition of new spouses or dependents after the date of retirement. Mayor Tousignant asked if the policy would apply to those retiring after

**Health Care
Policy**

New Business (cont.)

the policy or all current retirees. City Attorney Pirkola stated that arguably, it would apply to all employees.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by VanLaanen to approve the closure of the 200 block of East A St., the parking lot behind City Hall and the one across the street from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2007, for the Just Cruisin Car Club Show.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Car Show

City Manager Marquart stated that the plotter will print out large aerial photos that regular printers cannot produce.

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Caudell to authorize solicitation of bids for a Computer System Plotter.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

**Computer System
Plotter Bids**

City Manager Marquart stated that this project and the grant were stalled by issues at the State level and the DNR must approve the low bidder. The entire lot will be paved, a dock added and shore line restoration will be part of the project.

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Burke to authorize solicitation of bids for the West Boat Launch project.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain:(1) Rigoni

Motion carried.

**West Boat
Launch Bids**

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Report

Council Member Rigoni asked about the school liaison millage. City Manager Marquart stated that per the County Clerk, action should be taken at the next Council meeting to get the millage request on the ballot.

Council Member Burke asked about the test results from Crystal Lake. City Manager Marquart stated preliminary results are back and the final test results will set the direction for addressing the issues at Crystal Lake.

Council Member Tchokreff asked about putting health warnings around Crystal Lake. City Manager Marquart stated after the final results come in that will be something to consider. Council Member Jacobs had the same concern.

City Attorney Report

None

Committee Reports

Council Member Caudell stated the City Park Pavilion open house went well. Council Member VanLaanen stated that feedback from those attending was to keep the deer at the park in some capacity. Council Member Caudell agreed that people have told her that the deer should stay at the park. Mayor Tousignant commented that there are residents interested in start a Friends of the Park organization.

Council Member Tchokreff stated that the Tower Lease Committee met and is researching all of the current tower leases.

Council Member Rigoni said that the executive committee is looking at the 425 agreement submitted by Breitung Township.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

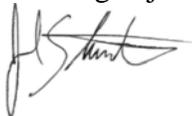
Council Member Caudell thought the UP Hogwild was a great event for the community. She also reminded people about the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings and reminded people to vote.

Council Member Jacobs thinks that the Wednesday 4 a.m. downtown sweeping initiative has made a positive difference.

Council Member Tchokreff asked about governance of monies for the Eurasian Milfoil Treatment at Lake Antoine.

Council Member Burke asked if the City could look at street dances for teenagers downtown, as was done in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer