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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, September 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

The agenda was approved as submitted with the following change:

Agenda

V. Old Business

- ~~1. Approval of purchase agreement Re: City property to Mark Blomquist~~
- 1. Summary of Italian Fest

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 20, 2007, stand approved as submitted. **Minutes**

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Mayor Tousignant noted that over 1,500 people attended Italian Fest and \$13,000 was raised for the Main Street program. He recognized the members of the Main Street Promotions Committee that organized the event.

Italian Fest

City Manager Marquart opened the sealed Local Street paving bids and the results are as follows:

Local Street Paving Bids

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| 1. | Bacco | \$30,305.00 |
| 2. | Midwest Asphalt | \$30,660.00 |
| 3. | Northeast Asphalt | \$25,100.39 |

City Manager Marquart recommended referral back to staff to review unit prices.

Council Member Rigoni stated that all are quality contractors and the City should award the bid to Northeast Asphalt.

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Burke to award the Local Street paving contract to Northeast Asphalt in the amount of \$25,100.39, conditional of staff review.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: (5) Burke, VanLaanen, Tousignant, Jacobs and Caudell

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1) Rigoni

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to award the Lake Antoine West Boat Launch project to Snowden Inc. in the amount of \$65,996.98 with the condition of receiving a signed performance bond.

Lake Antoine West Boat Launch

Ayes: (5) Burke, VanLaanen, Tousignant, Jacobs and Caudell

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1) Rigoni

Motion Carried.

New Business

City Manger Marquart stated that this alley was believed to be vacated per the backup in the packet but no official recording took place. City Attorney Pirkola stated that using the current vacation procedures would be a safer way to complete the vacation. It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Burke to publish and set a public hearing date of October 1, 2007 at 6:30 for the City initiated Resolution to vacate the entire alley for 801 Hemlock St.

**801 Hemlock St.
Vacation**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Manager Marquart said Mr. Jeff Michaud has requested the entire alley behind his home at 801 Wells St., to be vacated.

**801 Wells St.
Vacation**

It was moved by Burke and supported by VanLaanen to publish and set a public hearing date of October 1, 2007 at 6:30 for the request of a Resolution to vacate the entire alley for 801 Wells St.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Burke and supported by VanLaanen to publish and set a public hearing date of October 1, 2007 at 6:30 for the City initiated Resolution to vacate the remainder of the Section Street alley.

**Section St.
Vacation**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Report

City Manager Marquart stated that he received word that the State is opening another round of facade and signature building grant applications. Additionally, the City Council received water quality test results and short and long term recommendations for Crystal Lake. One long term recommendation would be pumping water from west Chapin Pit into Crystal Lake. The City Manager would like to refer this to the Park and Recreation Committee for further review.

Council Member Rigoni asked for an update on contract negotiations. City Manager Marquart responded that there are tentative agreements with the Patrol Officers and Lieutenants and he would like these agreements approved at the next City Council meeting. Also, meetings are ongoing with the firefighters but it has been difficult to meet with the Department of Public Works.

Council Member Rigoni would like an update on the \$400,000 remaining in the Water Bond Fund and the possibility of returning it to the bond. City Manager Marquart said the bond money could be used for projects or to pay off the debt. The money could be used to make an annual bond payment which is around \$300,000 with principal and interest. A new water line for East "A" St. from Iron Mountain St. to Park Ave. has an approximate cost of \$540,000. Another project would be an inspection of the below ground water storage tank at East "B" St. and Park Ave. City Manager Marquart stated this tank has caused problems in the past and an inspection with the tank drained would be approximately \$25,000 to \$50,000. Additionally, possible water projects at City Park, water line extension of Sunset Dr. and North and South end water line extensions. Council Member VanLaanen asked about researching a second source of water for possible growth of the City. City Manager Marquart will gather information as to the excess capacity of the current well.

City Attorney Report

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd. – thanked the Council for the testing on Crystal Lake but more than testing needs to be done. She would like long term control issues established for Crystal Lake. Also, she asked for additional testing of west Chapin Pit if pumping water from the pit was one of the proposed solutions for Crystal Lake.

Tina Peterson – 616 East B St. – asked for more details about the testing at Crystal Lake. She asked when was the last positive test for coliform in the water system. Ms. Peterson asked if there were any results on DEQ soil sample tests from Chapin Pit.

Council Member Privilege

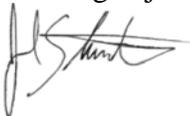
Council Member Caudell felt Italian Fest was a great community event.

Council Member Jacobs agreed with Council Member Caudell about Italian Fest. Also, she would like the City to look into reports of ORVs on City Park trails.

Council Member Burke believes testing needs to continue on Crystal Lake and the City must look at solutions to clean Crystal Lake.

Council Member Rigoni complimented Italian Fest and clarified that water is not pumped from the west Chapin Pit but from the west Chapin mine shaft which is 300 to 400 yards away from the pit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer