

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

The agenda was approved as submitted. **Agenda**

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 1, 2007 stand approved as submitted. **Minutes**

### Special Presentation

County Clerk Dolly Cook gave a presentation pertaining to rules and procedures for the upcoming City General Election on November 6, 2007.

### Public Comment

John Jacobs – 417 West A St. – presented eight letters from neighbors to turn a dilapidated sidewalk into a green space.

Ted Corombos – 1115 Wells St. – asked questions about the TIFA Board decision to purchase the Khoury Property. What was the closing date? Would this transaction take the form of a no interest loan? Would an adjustment be made for the 4 equal annual installments since this would go beyond the life of TIFA. Would a final payment be made on the last day of TIFA's existence? Would there be language for a starting date and a stop loss clause for TIFA.

### Public Hearing

Mayor Tousignant opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of resident input on the proposed vacation of the entire alley for the 800 block of Wells St. **801 Wells St. Alley Vacation**

No residents came forward to address the City Council

Mayor Tousignant closed the Public Hearing.

### Old Business

City Manager Marquart said Mr. Michaud(801 Wells St.) obtain the signatures of all affected property owners, agreeing with the alley vacation for the 800 block of Wells St. **801 Wells St. Alley Vacation**  
It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to approve the Resolution vacating the entire alley of the 800 block of Wells St.  
**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

The City Council discussed agenda item #3 prior to item #2.

**Old Business(cont.)**

City Manager stated that this amendment will allow homeowners to construct an accessory structure on a parcel that does not have a house.

**Zoning Amend.  
Accessory Struct.**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by VanLaanen to establish a Public Hearing for Monday, December 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory structures.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

Bids for winter sand were received in the amounts as follows:

**Winter Sand  
Bid Opening**

Midwest Asphalt and Gravel	\$4.75 p/ton
T and G United	\$4.90 p/ton
Lindberg and Sons	\$5.00 p/ton

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Jacobs to award the bid for Winter Sand in the amount of \$4.75 p/ton to Midwest Asphalt and Gravel.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

It was moved Burke and supported by Caudell to appoint Mr. Thomas Healy to a 3 year term on the City of Iron Mountain Planning Board.

**Planning Board  
Appointment**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

Council Member VanLaanen would like to maintain an easement for the possibility of a trail around Crystal Lake.

**Alley Vacation  
Property Purchase  
1128 Crystal Lake  
Blvd.**

It was moved by Burke and supported by Jacobs to publish and set a public hearing date of Monday, December 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for the request of a Resolution to vacate an alley adjacent to Lots 2 and 8 and purchase Lots 2 and 8 in the Plat of Cook and Pelham's First Addition by Mr. Randall Shivy of 1128 Crystal Lake Blvd. and consideration of an easement for a possible trail system

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

City Manager Marquart stated that the garage at this home encroaches .7' into the right-of-way on Crowell St. City Attorney Pirkola clarified that this is an easement that will stay with the land.

**Easement  
803 E. Margaret St.**

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Tchokreff to grant the easement with the condition that any reconstruction of the garage that is greater than 50% of the value would require the garage to comply with current zoning ordinance.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

**New Business**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve the closure of City Hall on Friday, November 23, Monday, December 24 and Monday, December 31, 2007.

**Closure of City  
Hall**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

It was moved by Burke and supported by Jacobs to donate \$300 to the Office of Veteran's Affairs, Share Your Christmas Program.

**Office of Veteran's  
Affairs Donation**

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

## Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of September with regular wages in the amount of \$250,287.65 and OT in the amount of \$18,318.13. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$635,832.50.

## Claims and Payroll

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

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

## City Manager Report

The City Manager stated the TIFA Board agreed to buy the 11 acre Khoury Property for \$875,000 with a closing date of tomorrow. The letter of intent sent to Mariucci Ventures LLC requires a Developer's Agreement by 12/31/2007 and the project must start by a certain date or TIFA will be reimbursed by Mariucci Ventures LLC. This a combination of ground lease and developer agreement that will spell out the terms. The agreement will be for the length of time TIFA is an entity and the value of the agreement is \$582,200 and will be paid back over the lease period or a balloon payment at the end. The agreement allows TIFA to sell a carved out piece of the property and this would reduce the \$582,200 owed back to TIFA. Council Member VanLaanen stated there is no agreement yet and worst case TIFA would hold title to a valuable piece of property. Mayor Tousignant said if the this development does not happen, TIFA and the City own a valuable piece of property.

Council Member Caudell received a request for the ability to pay water bills online. City Manager Marquart stated this is still being looked at.

## City Attorney Reports

None

## Committee Reports

Council Member Jacobs reported the Park and Recreation Committee met and Mrs. Joan Game from Vision 2020 gave an extensive report on Chapin Field. Also, signs stating No Fishing/Swimming were posted at Crystal Lake.

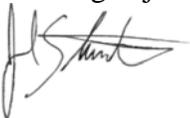
## Public Comment

None

## Council Member Privilege

Council Members Jacobs and Caudell reminded people to vote tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina  
Clerk-Treasurer