

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

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

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

Agenda

VI. New Business

1. Discussion of Christmas Tree Star
2. Appointment to the Fire Department Re: Lt. Mooney

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 3, 2007 and the Special Meeting of December 10, 2007, stand approved as submitted.

Minutes

Public Comment

Ted Corombos – 1115 Wells St. – wanted to know if the City Attorney was satisfied with the loose language in the 425 Utilities Agreement as to who pays for future costs.

Dave Farragh – 1212 Fleshiem – stated the 425 agreement does not address how the utilities will be built on the north end of the City and metering pits are an expensive part of a build out. He is concerned that the Township can request the City to enter a maintenance agreement during the first 18 months of the agreement. Mr. Farragh stated that the City is short staffed and has difficulty maintaining their system.

Special Presentation

Mr. Brooke Huettle presented the awards for the DDA Christmas Tree decorating contest. Certificates were awarded to first place (Habitat for Humanity), second place (GFWC-IM-K) and third place (Zonta).

DDA Tree Decorating

Old Business

City Attorney Pirkola stated that he tried to tighten the agreement but still staying within what was negotiated for the agreement. The City Manager stated that the City may consider entering a maintenance agreement with the Township in the first 18 months of the agreement. The maintenance agreement option is due to the Township not having the appropriate personnel to work on the system at this time. This does not obligate the City to enter a maintenance agreement but provides a mechanism if the Township needs assistance while their employees become certified to perform the maintenance.

Utility Services Agreement

Council Member Rigoni commented that any additional meter pits would be the responsibility of the Township. Also, the maintenance agreement was an effort in cooperation to allow the Township to rent City equipment until they were able to purchase equipment. Council Member Rigoni feels that the final draft of the agreement was a good compromise.

Old Business (cont.)

It was moved by Rigoni and supported Jacobs to approve the Sewer and Water Disposal Agreement.

Mayor Tousignant clarified that the Utility Services Agreement is a separate agreement from the Area I and Area II 425 Agreements. Council Member Caudell reiterated that cooperation is vital for the future of both communities. Council Member Burke feels it is important to grow the tax base for the City and this is step in the right direction. Council Member VanLaanen believes in cooperation but feels the Utility Services Agreement is far too generous to the Township.

Mayor Tousignant called for a vote:

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

Nays: (1) VanLaanen

Motion carried.

New Business

Council Member Jacobs stated that Mr. Laird Trepp offered to purchase a star for the City's Christmas Tree.

**Christmas
Tree Star**

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to allow Mr. Trepp to purchase the star for the City's Christmas Tree.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Burke to appoint Lt. Mooney to the Iron Mountain Fire Department.

**Fire Department
Appointment**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of November with regular wages in the amount of \$299,238.38 and OT in the amount of \$26,657.72. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$1,685,275.53.

**Claims and
Payroll**

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

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Manager Report

Council Member Tchokreff asked about the Bike Path Committee. The City Manager stated that the City is represented at the meetings which look at County wide trails.

Council Member VanLaanen asked for an update on the Rental Housing Ordinance and City Manager stated that City Attorney Pirkola will provide the update during his report.

City Attorney Reports

City Attorney Pirkola stated that he attending a scheduling conference today and the judge set a January 7th date for the landlord group to file objections to the Amended Rental Housing Ordinance. The City would then have 14 days to respond and argument before the Court would be held on January 21st. Council Member Rigoni asked if the landlord group could challenge everything or only the newly amended sections. City Attorney Pirkola felt the focus would be on the amended sections.

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Joan Game – 709 7th St. – thanked the current City Council and City Manager for their support of the North side Vision 2020 project. She thanked Council Members Rigoni, Tousignant and Jacobs for their volunteer efforts.

Russell Game – 709 7th St. – urged the new City Council to listen to all citizens and vote for the betterment of the entire community. He also discussed various events the City has to offer.

Council Member Privilege

Council Member Caudell would like to be opened minded to new Council Member ideas and hopes new Members would be open to Current Council Member ideas. She thanked the three outgoing Council Members for their contributions to the City Council.

Council Member Jacobs acknowledge Russell and Joan Game for their contributions to the City.

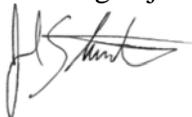
Council Member Tchokreff and Burke thanked the outgoing Council Members.

Council Member VanLaanen thanked and said he will miss the outgoing Council Members.

Council Member Rigoni thanked everyone and feels there will be more common ground than adversity for the new Council.

Mayor Tousignant stated it was an honor to be the Mayor of the City of Iron Mountain. He stated that leadership moves at the speed of change and that will be important for the future of Iron Mountain.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer