

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen

Present: Council Members Burke, Peterson, Tchokreff, Caudell, Rosen, and Farragh

Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola

Agenda

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Caudell to approve the agenda as submitted.

Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2008 and Special Meeting of April 23, 2008 were approved as submitted

Public Comment

Linnea Marchetti – 614 W. Ludington St. – stated as a member of the DDA she agrees with the City Manager's recommendations for the DDA. She requested the City Council's approval of the recommendations.

Barb Kramer – 135 Bradley St. – stated that she did not agree with having the Cornerstone Community Church in the downtown due to a lack of parking.

Lucy Shampo – 1001 S. Kimberly St. – addressed the Council on the need for recycling. She said that 4-H will have a metal and battery recycling event this Saturday. Ms. Shampo would encourage the City to have a City wide rummage sale prior the spring rubbish pickup.

Debbie Manderfield – 606 Fairbanks St. – would like to see the Council approve the special use permit for the Cornerstone Community and she thinks it will be a great asset to the downtown.

Mike Nicometto – Downtown Plaza owner – discussed his volunteering to be on the DDA. He said that he served on the DDA in the 1980s and they were able to achieve many things at the time. Mr. Nicometto feels his background makes him a good candidate to serve again on the DDA.

Old Business

DDA Appointments

The City Manager made the recommendation for the appointments of Mr. Nate Alwine and Ms. Ruth Timbrook-Frankini to four year terms on the Downtown Development Authority.

It was moved by Caudell and supported by Burke to approve the recommendations of the City Manager for appointments to the DDA Board.

Member Rosen stated that he spoke with DDA chairman Ms. Magee Johnson and she would like to see the appointments tabled until the DDA Board can make its' own recommendation. Member Rosen is strongly in favor of appointing Mr. Mike Nicometto. Member Caudell asked if it was appropriate for the DDA Board to make a recommendation. Mayor VanLaanen said that the applicable statute says the City Manager appoints with approval of the City Council. Member Peterson asked if all of the DDA Board members saw all of the submitted letters. City Manager Marquart believed the Board knew of the people

Old Business (cont.)

who applied. He said there was a DDA Board meeting today and there was no discussion for or against the appointments. City Manager Marquart said that Ms. Linnea Marchetti, the new DDA Chairman, agreed with the appointments. Member Caudell would agree with appointing Mr. Nicometto when additional appointments are available in the coming months but feels that the Council should approve the current recommendations of the City Manager. Member Peterson said it is not about the recommendations but the procedures for making recommendations. Member Rosen would like a consensus of the DDA for the appointments. Member Caudell reiterated that the future chairman of the DDA agrees with the City Manager's recommendations. Member Peterson thinks it would be tough to let Mr. Nicometto's letter go.

Roll call vote taken:

Caudell	Y
Tchokreff	Y
Burke	Y
Rosen	N
VanLaanen	Y
Peterson	N
Farragh	N

Motion carried (Yes 4 - No 3)

New Business

Public Hearing for 2008-2009 Budget

Member Rosen feels that a May 19th date for the Budget Hearing would be too soon since TIFA would not approve their budget until their May 20th meeting. Member Peterson agrees and feels there will need to be time to prepare the budget for public inspection.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Farragh to hold the Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Caudell thinks it is imperative for the Council to come together on the budget and would be in favor of an additional budget workshop.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Park Pavilion DIISD No Charge

It was moved by Burke and supported by Peterson to approve the no charge use of the City Park Pavilion for the Dickinson-Iron ISD on Monday, June 9, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Park Pavilion Central PTO

It was moved by Burke and supported by Peterson to approve the no charge use of the City Park Pavilion for the Central PTO on Monday, May 29, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade Street Closure

It was moved by Burke and supported by Farragh to approve the Memorial Day Parade street closure per the correspondence from the Office of Veteran's Affairs.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Special Use Permit Cornerstone Community Church

Member Tchokreff asked about the tax base for a church and City Manager Marquart believed it would be a not for profit. Mayor VanLaanen said parking was discussed and the special use permit could be revoked if the parking situation causes problems. Member Farragh thinks the plans submitted for the church will improve the look of the downtown.

New Business(cont.)

It was moved Farragh and supported by Caudell to approve the Special Use Permit for the Cornerstone Community Church subject to the conditions outlined in Mr. Woolard's memorandum.

Member Peterson asked if growth of the church was discussed. Mayor VanLaanen stated that growth of the church would cause them to look for a larger building. Member Rosen stated he was concerned about the parking because he feels their building has no parking of it's own.

Ayes: 5 (Farragh, Caudell, Burke, Peterson and VanLaanen)

Nays: 2 (Rosen and Tchokreff)

Motion carried.

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Report

Mayor VanLaanen received a call about stumps left on a vacant lot on East D St. from the developer of East C St. City Manager Marquart stated he will contact the developer to have this cleaned up.

Member Rosen proposed a traffic flow solution for the Catholic School and would like Ms. Covitz to ask the parents not to block the Badini garage. He feels that this could be enforced periodically by the police department.

Member Farragh asked about the decorative lighting on A and B Streets being out. He asked about the status of the bid for the east side water tank. City Manager Marquart said the specifications are sitting with Mr. Rice for his review. Additionally, Member Farragh asked about having a forester go through City Park and the Cemetery to harvest some of the overgrown trees. He would like any proceeds to be dedicated to the equipment budget or parks.

Member Peterson asked for a meeting of the Health Care Committee.

Member Burke asked if the City was looking into grants for Crystal Lake. City Manager Marquart said the City is still waiting for the final report from MTU.

Member Caudell said the City is welcoming suggesting as to what could be done with the areas around Chapin Pit where the trees were cleared.

Member Peterson asked about the bat festival. City Manager Marquart said there has been a bat festival in August for the last couple of years.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Technology Committee

Member Tchokreff said the committee discussed the tower leases. Member Rosen would like the Technology Committee to look at becoming a wireless technology community and look at VOIP. Member Peterson stated the Committee discussed engineering costs and taking a look at the City needs for the next couple of years. She discussed having engineering done on a case by case basis instead of jumping into another contract.

Mayor VanLaanen discussed a workshop for new Planning and Zoning regulations. He said the workshop will discuss legislation that would allow the City to have a Planning Commission without redoing the City

Committee Reports (cont.)

Charter. Mayor VanLaanen stated that he would like a Special Meeting with the cooperation of developers that felt they were delayed in their process. He felt a discussion could lead to recommendations on improving the business development process with the Planning Board.

Public Comment

Barb Kramer – 135 Bradley St. – asked what the City would do about the pawnshop sign on Chapin Pit west.

Council Member Privilege

Member Caudell feels a wireless community would be a great asset to the City.

Member Farragh thought that there is something that makes the pawnshop sign legal. City Manager Marquart said the sign is a perpetual lease arrangement with MDOT.

Member Rosen agreed with Ms. Shampo's comments on recycling and he thinks the City should explore helping such a cause.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer