

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen  
Present: Council Members Burke, Peterson, Rosen, and Farragh  
Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola

## Agenda

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Peterson to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of the following:

- VI. New Business
  - 5. Approval of Resolution Re: Purchase of Service Time
  - 6. Discussion of City Park

## Minutes

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2008 stand approved as submitted.

## Public Comment

None

## Old Business

### Letters of Understanding Champion and Bacco

Mayor VanLaanen stated that the Letters of Understanding provide for the closure of driveways in front of property owned by Champion Inc. and Bacco Construction as part of an MDOT project to add a fifth lane on US2 starting near the City limits to the M95 junction. He stated that by closing some driveways MDOT would construct new openings for potential future streets. Member Peterson asked if City Attorney Pirkola had reviewed the letters. Interim City Manager Stanchina stated Mr. Pirkola reviewed the documents and felt that they did not obligate the City to do any work beyond previously established City policies.

Member Peterson asked if any prior issues with easements would affect this agreement. Member Rosen said that there was a water line constructed in the area through private property with no easement. Member Rosen would like some answers on the lack of an easement prior to approving the letters of understanding. Member Farragh said that he spoke with MDOT and their representative stated that MDOT would like these letters on file when the fifth lane is added.

It was moved by Burke and supported by VanLaanen to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Iron Mountain and Bacco Construction regarding US2 access points and the US2 fifth lane to M95 project scheduled for Spring 2009.

### Roll call vote taken:

Rosen	No
Burke	Yes
Peterson	No
VanLaanen	Yes
Farragh	Yes

**Motion failed. (3 Yes, 2 No)**

## Old Business (cont.)

Mayor VanLaanen stated the water line that was put in serviced the Champion Inc. office building on Trader's Mine Rd. and future development.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Peterson to table the Letter of Understanding between the City of Iron Mountain and Champion Inc. regarding US2 access points and the US2 fifth lane to M95 project scheduled for Spring 2009.

### Roll call vote taken:

VanLaanen	No
Burke	No
Peterson	Yes
Rosen	Yes
Farragh	No

**Motion failed. (2 Yes, 3 No)**

## New Business

### City Hall Closure

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke to close City Hall on November 28, 2008 and December 26, 2008.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### Red Flag Rules Policy

Interim City Manager Stanchina explained that the "Red Flag Rules" are a new requirement by the Federal Trade Commission and establish procedures to identify warning signs of identity theft on existing and new utility accounts.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Peterson to approve a policy to comply with the "Red Flag Rules".

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### Paquin Road Acceptance

Mayor VanLaanen stated that this is a request from Mr. Paquin to accept his private road as a City road. The Planning Board recommends acceptance but requests any future paving of the road be done through a special assessment to adjoining property owners.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke to accept the road right of way from Mr. Paquin subject to the recommendation of the Planning Board.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### Pet Resuscitation Masks

Mayor VanLaanen stated that Ms. Mary Dulan was interested in conducting a fundraiser for the purchase of pet resuscitation masks to be placed on fire apparatus. Ms. Dulan would like the City to open an account for the fundraiser deposits. He said Fire Chief Johnson agrees with the purchase of the masks.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to approve the opening of a bank account for a pet resuscitation fundraiser with a review by the City Attorney on how to best establish the account.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### Purchase of Service Time Mr. Doug Donahue

Interim City Manager Stanchina stated that as a result of negotiations and a conference call today, the City's worker's compensation insurance carrier Meadowbrook has agreed to a settlement with Mr. Doug Donahue. He stated the purchase of 5 years of service for \$48,260 would be deducted from the overall

### **New Business (cont.)**

settlement amount. CFO Bartolameolli stated that this is generic service time that is being purchased. Member Farragh stated this will not cost the taxpayers and will be solely from Mr. Donahue's settlement.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Rosen to approve resolution allowing Mr. Donahue to purchase five years of generic service time in an amount of \$48,260 as part of his worker's compensation settlement.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **Discussion of City Park**

Member Peterson stated that she would like to have interested residents come forward and help develop a master plan for City Park. Mayor VanLaanen feels that this is something that could happen at the Planning Board level. He said the Parks and Rec. committee could have an evening meeting and host the various interested parties. Member Peterson believes there needs to be a cohesive group of interested individuals such as the recent discussions to add an additional athletic field at City Park. Member Rosen thinks that the Park and Rec. committee is the appropriate place to discuss City Park. He said there is DNR Trust Fund money available to improve City Park. Mayor VanLaanen stated that Member Peterson could provide him with names and he could appoint an ad-hoc committee.

**No action taken.**

### **Financial Reports**

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of September with regular wages in the amount of \$284,603.94 and OT in the amount of \$26,360.07. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$557,327.47. The Finance Committee reviewed the claims and recommends approval as submitted. Member Rosen said the Police Department had higher than normal overtime due to training in September. He said the purchase of flags for the Cemetery were discussed and it was found the flags must be purchased by state law. Member Peterson asked what part of the overtime was fire training. CFO Bartolameolli replied that 12 hours was fire training related overtime. Member Peterson asked if the extra accessories for the squad car were included in the bid. CFO Bartolameolli said the bid was \$2,500 under the budget for the squad car and the additional accessories were \$1,700.

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

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke to accept the Annual Investment Report.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

Invoice paid through automated clearing, \$26,785.13, MERS 10/17/2008 placed on file.

Invoice paid through automated clearing, \$34,376.98, MERS 09/18/2008 placed on file.

### **City Manager Report**

Interim City Manager reported on the progress of the hydrant repair and replacement project.

He reported that the City Attorney sent a letter to Mr. Brook the former City Assessor.

### **City Attorney Reports**

None

## Committee Reports

### Park and Recreation Committee

Member Peterson reported that Mr. Dean Lefebvre presented a plan for constructing two athletic fields at City Park where the one field is now.

### Public Comment

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd. – feels it would be possible to get concerned citizens together to help City Park as was done with Crystal Lake

### Council Member Privilege

Member Farragh said three or four samples have come back and the City is not chlorinating the water. He discussed the repair of the fire hydrants.

Member Peterson would like to have regularly scheduled Park and Recreation meetings.

Mayor VanLaanen asked anyone interested in serving on an ad-hoc committee for City Park to contact Member Peterson or City Hall.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Farragh to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy. (7:37 p.m.)

#### **Roll call vote taken:**

VanLaanen	Yes
Rosen	Yes
Farragh	Yes
Burke	Yes
Peterson	Yes

**Motion carried. (5 Yes – 0 No)**

Regular Session reconvened. (9:03 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina  
Clerk-Treasurer