

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor Tousignant
Present: Council Members Rigoni, Burke, VanLaanen, Jacobs, Caudell and Tchokreff
Also Present: City Atty. Pirkola

Public Hearing

A hearing was opened to the public in regards to the Rental Housing Ordinance.

Gary McCarney 408 Fifth Street, voiced concerns that inspections will be an invasion of privacy. He also questioned who will pay for inspections of Iron Mountain Housing Commission properties.

David Hakamaki 443 Tall Pines Dr., discussed process Planning Board utilized to create this ordinance.

Steve Polich, discussed legal issues pertaining to the Rental Housing Ordinance.

Andrea Perron 712 East D Street, concerned about rent increasing due to Rental Housing Ordinance.

Steve Langsford N3760 Pine Mountain Rd., discussed disagreement with the Rental Housing Ordinance.

No one else requested to speak; the Public Hearing was then closed.

The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of the following items:

AGENDA

3. Traders Mine Road
4. Appointment of Zoning Administrator
5. Discussion of City Park trail system

The minutes of the previous meetings of January 3, 2006, Council as a Whole December 28, 2005 and a Special Meeting January 9, 2006, stand approved as submitted.

MINUTES

Public Comment

No residents came forward to speak at this time.

Old Business

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Jacobs to approve the Rental Housing Ordinance.

Motion prevailed to wit:

YES: (6) Burke, VanLaanen, Rigoni, Tchokreff, Jacobs and Caudell

NO: (0)

ABS: (1) Tousignant

RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE

New Business

Mayor Tousignant made council member appointments to various committees

**COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Burke to approve the Budget Amendment for the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

**TIFA
BUDGET
AMENDMENT**

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (7)

NO: (0)

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Tousignant to approve support of the application for reconstruction of Traders Mine Road and Champion Road, and a turn lane on HWY US 2.

**TRADERS
MINE
ROAD**

Motion prevailed to wit:

YES: (6) Burke, VanLaanen, Tousignant, Tchokreff, Jacobs and Caudell

NO: (0)

ABS: (1) Rigoni

It was moved by Tousignant and supported by Jacobs to appoint City Manager Marquart as the Zoning Administrator.

**ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR**

Motion prevailed unanimously

YES: (7)

NO: (0)

VanLaanen started a discussion pertaining to people walking on the cross country ski trails at City Park. Suggestions were made to post "No Walking" signs for the winter months.

**CITY PARK
X-COUNTRY
TRAILS**

Financial Reports

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Tchokreff to approve the claims of \$481,226.79 and payroll of \$407,672.75 for December, 2005.

**CLAIMS AND
PAYROLL**

Motion prevailed unanimously:

YES: (7)

NO: (0)

City Manager Reports

City Manager Marquart noted that City Hall will now be open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., year round.

Committee Reports

Jacobs noted that she attended the DDA meeting and the topic of discussion was the Anderson Economic Plan.

Public Comment

Dean LaFave 141 Northview Drive, asked about the bottom of Kramer Dr. and Walker St. becoming a T-intersection instead the current Y-intersection. City Manager Marquart noted that a grant had been applied for and the project should start this summer.

Shannon Brooks W7920 Lake Antoine S, commented on actions of past meetings.

Council Member Privilege

Rigoni: made the point that this council is making improvements to the City such as the intersection of Kramer and Walker as referred to by Mr. Lafave.

Burke: felt confident that passing the Rental Housing Ordinance will improve the City.

Caudell: noted that she believes residents will see that the Rental Housing Ordinance was passed solely for the purpose of improving the City.

Tchokreff: believes the Rental Housing Ordinance will be an important piece to raising property values in the City

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer