

Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen  
Present: Council Members Alessandrini, Corombos, Rosen and Farragh  
Absent: Council Members Burke and Peterson  
Also Present: City Attorney Pirkola and CFO Bartolameolli

## Agenda

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

## Minutes

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 14, 2009 and January 26, 2009, Regular Meeting of January 19, 2009 and Regular Meeting of February 2, 2009 were approved as submitted with the minutes of February 2, 2009 being changed from Motion Prevailed Unanimously to No action taken under the Spring Rubbish Collection pickup.

## Public Comment

None

## Special Presentation

Mayor VanLaanen read a resolution acknowledging Mr. Richard Hinkley's 29 years 6 months and 10 days in the Department of Public Works.

## Old Business

### Patrol Car Bid Opening

Acting City Manager Stanchina stated that 3 bids were received and the results are as follows:

Joregenson Ford	\$21,960
Town and Country Ford	\$22,729
Signature Ford	\$22,121

All bids were for a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Rosen to refer the bids back to staff for review and a recommendation.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

## New Business

### Bid Janitorial Services

Acting City Manager Stanchina stated that janitorial services have not been bid since 1997. He requested authorization to solicit bids for janitorial services at City facilities.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to authorize solicitation of bids for janitorial services.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

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

### **Board of Review Appointment**

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to reappoint Mr. Dean Petschar to a three year term on the Board of Review

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **IMK Community Schools Contribution**

Acting City Manager Stanchina stated that the IM-K Community Schools has request a contribution of \$3,000 from the City for their Summer Recreation Program. He stated that this would come out of next year's budget.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve a contribution of \$3,000 to the IM-K Community Schools Summer Recreation Program.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **Street Light Requests**

Acting City Manager Stanchina stated that there were two requests for street lights and he has received estimated costs for the street lights. He stated that placing a light at the end of Frank Pipp Drive was \$10.48 a month.

It was moved by Alessandrini to approve the addition of a street light at the end of Frank Pipp Drive in the amount of \$10.48 a month.

**Motion failed due to lack of support.**

Member Farragh stated there was already four lights on the road and the Church on Frank Pipp Drive had two lights in their parking lots.

Member Alessandrini discussed the second request and he would like a street light near the bat cave entrance. He feels it would aid people walking over the hill because it is extremely dark on the hill. Mayor VanLaanen felt that the bat cave trail may include lighting that may be adequate for lighting up the area. Member Alessandrini stated that this is a busy area and could use the lighting. Member Corombos thought people could walk on the bat cave trail instead of Park Ave. Member Rosen would agree with Mayor VanLaanen and would like to wait and see what kind of lighting the bat cave trail provides. Member Alessandrini feels the light would be warranted because it is a long stretch with no lights. Mayor VanLaanen stated that the installation was \$2,200 and the monthly fee would be \$15 a month. Member Alessandrini stated that he will see what happens with the bat cave trail.

**No action taken.**

### **City Manager Contract**

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen to approve the City Manager's Contract with Mr. Jordan Stanchina.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **Financial Reports**

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of January with regular wages in the amount of \$311,804.98 and OT in the amount of \$26,734. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$859,976.59. The Finance Committee reviewed the claims and recommends approval as submitted. Member Rosen stated that the committee questioned the claims related to AT&T and CFO Bartolameo is looking into the contract related to the claim. Member Rosen reported that the committee discussed the recycling program and the need to look at alternatives for recycling. Member Rosen said that there was a question on a \$20,000 expense to Miller Canfield and he said this was mostly related to the developer's agreement for the Mariucci Events Center.

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

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

### **Financial Reports (cont.)**

Member Alessandrini stated that in relation to a recent property sale, it is not the policy of the City to pay for a survey and title insurance. Mayor VanLaanen thought the ALTA survey was part of the cost of preparing the deed. Member Rosen stated the agreement included a clause to start construction within one year but has no provision to finish the project. Mayor VanLaanen feels the costs of preparing a deed would be paid by the seller.

### **City Manager Report**

Acting City Manager Stanchina reported that the City was ready to close with Mr. Blomquist but he requested a resolution recognizing the closing of the property sale. City Attorney Pirkola stated that there attorney is requesting this to gain assurance that the Council is aware of the closing.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to authorize the City Manager to complete the closing on property with Mr. Blomquist.

**Motion prevailed unanimously.**

Member Farragh would like a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to discuss the spring pickup. Mayor VanLaanen stated that he spoke with Kingford's Mayor Flaminio and they would like to discuss joint recycling efforts.

Member Alessandrini would like snow removed from the fire hydrants.

### **City Attorney Reports**

City Attorney Pirkola distributed his comments on the developer's agreement for the Millie Hill Estate development. He would like the Council to review the agreement.

City Attorney Pirkola said that Mr. Lafave had applied for a zoning ordinance text amendment. Mr. Lafave would like to have duplexes allowed in R-1 zoning by special use permit. City Attorney Pirkola said this could be introduced but the bigger issue for the Council is allowing duplexes in R-1. Member Alessandrini would not be in favor of the change and would prefer R-1 zoning to remain single family homes. He expressed concerned about older homes being converted to duplexes. Member Corombos thought that the size of the lot may be some of the reason for duplexes. Member Rosen has no problem with duplexes being allowed in R-1. Acting City Manager Stanchina said the Planning Board made a recommendation to allow it contingent on a review by the City Attorney.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Park and Recreation Committee

Member Rosen stated that he has completed a concept drawing for a redesign of City Park. He said that the City is putting itself in a position to apply for a \$500,000 grant through the DNR Trust Fund. The grant requires a 25% match. He stated that there will be public hearings soon to receive resident input on the concept. Mayor VanLaanen would like this available on the City website.

### **Public Comment**

Jennifer Koller - 800 West Ludington St. - asked about water lines freezing and believed the City was going to repair the problem. Acting City Manager Stanchina stated that he would look into if it is the homeowner or City's problem before making a comment on it.

### **Council Member Privilege**

Member Alessandrini stated that the City is not putting any money toward the bat cave trail. He said the City is only obligated to perform in kind services for the trail.

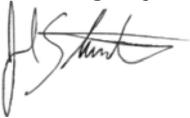
Member Farragh stated that stopping the brush and yard waste collection has never been part of the discussion when looking at better ways to conduct the spring rubbish collection. He stated the committee was looking at alternative ways to deal with household rubbish, not yard waste.

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation. (7:50 p.m.)

Regular session resumed. (8:01p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina  
Clerk-Treasurer