

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

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

Agenda

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to approve the agenda as submitted with an addition as follows:

VI. Old Business

3. Approval of Street Closure RE: Central School Motorcycle Stunt Show

Minutes

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 9, 2009, Special Meeting of March 13, 2009, Regular Meeting of March 16, 2009 and Special Meeting of March 24, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Public Comment

Patrick Reagan - 1205 Hughitt St. - discussed what Main Street has accomplished for the City of Iron Mountain. He stated that being a Main Street Community puts the City to the top of the pile for certain grants.

Public Hearing

Duplexes in R-1

Mayor VanLaanen opened the public hearing.
No one came forward to speak.
Mayor VanLaanen closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Duplexes in R-1

Member Alessandrini asked about the provision for a 0' setback. Planning Director Woolard said this provision in the text amendment addresses the setback between the duplex units. Member Peterson said this text amendment could be a good thing and help with development. Mayor VanLaanen feels that this is not a good ordinance amendment and does not agree with it.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Peterson to allow a text amendment to the R-1 Zoning District that would allow duplexes by a special use permit.

Ayes: 5 (Rosen, Corombos, Alessandrini, Farragh and Peterson)

Nays: 2 (VanLaanen and Burke)

Motion carried.

Janitorial Services

City Manager Stanchina stated that the bids were reviewed by staff and the recommendation is to continue janitorial services with Sparkle Enterprises in the amount of \$905 per month. Member Farragh asked if the contract had a length of time. City Manager Stanchina said the contract was open ended and could be bid out in the future.

Old Business (cont.)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to approve the janitorial services contract with Sparkle Enterprises in the amount of \$905.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Road Closure

City Manager Stanchina explained that Mr. Strang, principal at Central School has requested the closure of Hughitt St. from Carpenter Ave. to Stockbridge on April 16, makeup date April 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Motorcycle Stunt Show. The previous request of April 3 was cancelled due to high winds.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Burke to close the street for the dates and times noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business

TIFA Budget Amendment

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to approve the Budget Amendment for TIFA that was previously approved by the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Acting City Manager

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to support the appointment of CFO Bartolameolli as the Acting City Manager.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

AFSCME Collective Bargaining Contract

Member Corombos stated that all employees will be required to contribute 6% toward their health insurance. He said this is the first time that employees will contribute toward their health insurance.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Rosen to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and AFSCME Local #25.

Member Rosen stated that new employees will have a High Deductible Health Insurance Plan with an HSA. He said the City will make no contribution toward their health insurance once they retire. Member Burke felt the contract was good for both sides. Member Alessandrini stated that this contract helps the City in the long run because the retiree health insurance liability is removed. Member Peterson felt this was a good contract for both sides.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Planning Board Appointment

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Peterson to appoint Ms. Carol Schneider to an unexpired term on the Planning Board.

Member Peterson feels that Ms. Schneider will be an asset to the Planning Board. Member Rosen agrees with Member Peterson. Mayor VanLaanen felt that there was a better candidate at a prior meeting.

Member Burke said he does not agree with the appointment because Ms. Schneider led the recall against him.

Ayes: 5 (Rosen, Corombos, Alessandrini, Farragh and Peterson)

Nays: 2 (VanLaanen and Burke)

Motion carried.

IM Housing Commission Appointment

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Rosen to appoint Dr. Robert Mellon to a 4 year term on the Iron Mountain Housing Commission.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

New Business (cont.)

City Park Ad-Hoc Committee

Member Rosen would like to start an Ad-Hoc Committee for City Park to assist with fundraisers. Mayor VanLaanen stated the mayor has the ability to create an ad-hoc committee and would need a list of interested parties.

No action taken.

City Park Pavilion Rental No Charge

City Manager Stanchina stated that Central PTO requested use of the City Park Pavilion at no charge on June 2nd from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. for their annual year end picnic.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Peterson to approve the use of the City Park Pavilion at no charge on June 2nd from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Invoice paid through automated clearing MERS \$29,018.76, MERS, March 18, 2009

City Manager Report

City Manager Stanchina reported that there will be a budget workshop next week.

Member Rosen spoke about the Main Street program and feels there needs to be economic development for all businesses. Member Peterson agrees there needs to be more economic development for the City and be separate from the Main Street program. She stated that she believes in the Main Street program and said the boards and committee are very dedicated. Mayor VanLaanen said the Main Street is a targeted program that would need a full time coordinator to keep the program.

City Manager Stanchina requested the approval of Coleman Engineering's contract for engineering on the bat cave trail in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Rosen to approve the contract for Coleman Engineering as noted above contingent on the City Attorney's review.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

Member Peterson asked about the speed limit signs going out of town in front of K-Mart changing to 55 mph from 45 mph.

City Attorney Reports

Member Farragh asked about progress on the tower leases. City Attorney Robert Pirkola reported letters have been sent and he is contact with some of the companies.

Committee Reports

Member Alessandrini reported that there was a Safe Routes to School grant applied for 5th St. He stated the grant will not pay for repaving the road. He would like to consider paving 5th St. as part of the paving program in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School grant.

Member Peterson discussed her recent attendance of the Wind Supply Chain workshop in Appleton. She spoke with representatives who were interested in fabricators which is manufacturing that is already established in this area. Member Peterson stated that high school students will put together a promotional

Committee Reports (cont.)

DVD of the area to forward to the Michigan Film Commission. She said this would allow us to be considered for any future films shot in Michigan.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

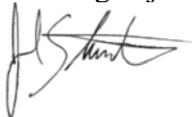
Member Alessandrini asked for an update on the abandon north side water tank. City Manager Stanchina stated there was no feasible way to remove the tank. He thanked Patrick for his service as the Main Street Coordinator.

Member Corombos asked Main Street Coordinator Reagan about the boundaries for the Main Street District. Mr. Reagan said the approximate boundaries are Fleshiem St. to D St. and Carpenter Ave. to Iron Mountain St.

Member Rosen stated that since Crystal Lake is not a shovel ready project it would not be eligible for the first or second round of stimulus money.

Mayor VanLaanen said the big advantage comes from the committees that go along with the Main Street program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer