

# City of Iron Mountain

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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan to be held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Peterson, Alessandrini, Corombos, Villa & Farragh

Absent: Council Member Jacobetti

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, CFO Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

## Approval of Agenda

Rosen requested that Executive Session be added after Council Member Privilege to discuss active litigation. He also requested that "Approval of Liquor License Transfer Re: William J Revord, LLC" be moved from number two of New Business to being located after Executive Session.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda with the proposed amendments.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2010*

Villa noted a misplaced sentence under the "Approval of Chapin Alley Vacation" heading.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the minutes as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 12, 2010*

Peterson noted that her arrival time was located after she spoke and that it should be mentioned that the trees for the Midtown Mall Christmas Tree event may have been overpaid for.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to approve the minutes as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## Public Comment

None

## Public Hearing

### Adoption of new Fire Prevention Ordinance Re: International Fire Code

Rosen opened the Public Hearing

Stanchina conveyed that the proposed International Fire Code would replace the current BOCCA Fire Prevention Ordinance. He noted that sections 34-26 to 34-28 of the City Code of Ordinances would have to be repealed, due to their references to the BOCCA Code. He relayed that the removed sections would be replaced by similar sections that refer to the International Fire Code. Stanchina noted that the adoption of this code would update and reduce internal conflicts throughout the city codes.

Public Comment

None

Peterson voiced her support of the Fire Department's recommendations.

Rosen Closed the Public Hearing

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**Old Business**

**Approval of new Fire Prevention Ordinance Re: International Fire Code**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to adopt the International Fire Code.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Chapin Alley Vacation**

Stanchina noted that there would not be issues of improperly located buildings due to this vacation. Corombos clarified that a building in need of demolish was discovered as a result of this vacation.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the vacating of a platted alley described as South of Lot 36 and North of lots 38 & 37 of Assessors Plat of Chapin Mining Company. Approximately 97 ft. long by 25 ft. wide.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**New Business**

**Approval of Downtown Development Authority Appointment Re: Mr. Spiro Andreopoulos**

Stanchina recommended that Mr. Spiro Andreopoulos be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as he and his wife own businesses in Iron Mountain, as well as resided within the city limits. It was clarified that one position is still open on the DDA and that the city is actively seeking an additional member.

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Corombos to appoint Mr. Andreopoulos to the DDA

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of no charge City Park Pavilion rental Re: Central PTO**

Stanchina recommended that the Central PTO be allowed free pavilion use on June 7, 2010 from 8 am – 3 pm. Alessandrini clarified that the no charge events are not prohibiting the city's generation of income at the City Park Pavilion.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to allow free use of the pavilion to the Central PTO on June 7, 2010.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of no charge City Park Pavilion rental Re: Golden k**

Stanchina relayed that the Golden K event would take place on June 1, 2010, from 9 am to 1 pm, and would benefit Special Needs Children throughout our area.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to allow free use of the pavilion to the Golden K Club on June 1, 2010.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval to change Reserve Fund Balance Re: School Liaison**

Stanchina relayed that the funds which were produced from the Cable Franchise Fee were reserved to pay for the School Liaison Officer. He conveyed that the School Liaison Officer is now funded by a ballot initiative and that there is \$143,000.00 of restricted funds remaining. Stanchina recommended that the funds be unrestricted. Rosen clarified that the funds are already part of the General Fund, but would be more readily available if they were unrestricted.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to unrestrict the School Liaison funds.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Fee Change Re: Cemetery Transfer Fee**

Stanchina communicated that cemetery plots are currently transferred at no cost. He recommended that a \$20 transfer fee be established, due to the real cost of performing a transfer. Stanchina also recommended that a non-resident would have to pay the difference between the current resident and non-resident price, if a plot is transferred from a resident to a non-resident.

He communicated the opinion that these policy changes would help bring revenue in line with the cemeteries operating costs. Peterson clarified that the transferring individual's identification would be verified.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Peterson to approve a \$20 cemetery transfer fee and approve that non-residents would have to pay the difference between the current cemetery cost of a resident and non-resident during a transfer from a resident to a non-resident.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Approval of Agreement Re: CGI Communication, Inc.**

Stanchina conveyed that the city's website had a welcome video on it in the past and could again at no cost. He relayed that the individual in the welcome video does not have to be the mayor. Alessandrini voiced his support for a shorter term contract, given the proposed three year contract. He communicated the opinion that the current mayor should be welcoming people to the city. ~~Rosen~~ Villa and Peterson voiced support for the City Manager being on the welcome video.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed agreement with CGI Communications.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

Corombos noted that city accounting is done differently than private sector accounting. He relayed that it can seem like more funds have been expended than really have. Alessandrini clarified line item 133.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the Claims in the amount of \$912,837.79 and the Payroll in the amount of \$290,709.65.

Rosen abstained as he owns Standard Printing.

Rosen Abstain

Corombos Aye

Farragh Aye

Villa Aye

Alessandrini Aye

Peterson Aye

**Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstain-1)**

**City Manager Reports**

Stanchina noted that MDOT has done a traffic study and as a result the stop lights Downtown will start blinking at 9 PM, instead of 11 PM. He relayed that the Lake Antoine light will blink at 10 PM and the lights within the corridor will remain at 11 PM.

Stanchina communicated that the Well House Project will start tomorrow. He relayed that the rebuilt Well House will utilize Variable Frequency Drives, thus lower the cities electrical costs. Peterson asked if the security concerns throughout the water system have been addressed. Rosen noted that the Dickinson County Sheriff's opinion is that the city should be able to get grant funds for security on the water system. Stanchina conveyed that the source of existing water issues may have been found, while the water tank was drained. He noted that the city is chlorinating due to the boil advisory, Well House Project and the East A Street reconstruction.

Stanchina relayed that the rubbish drop off will take place for a week starting on May 3, 2010. The hours are as follows:

Monday 7:30 – 3:15

Tuesday 3:00 – 7:00

Wednesday 7:30 -3:15

Thursday 3:00 – 7:00

Friday 7:30 -3:15

Saturday 7:00 -3:00

He conveyed that the set up of this years rubbish drop off will be the same as last year.

Peterson asked if the garbage collection could move from curbside to alley pick up as the weather has been unseasonably warm. Stanchina voiced his support for maintaining continuity.

Alessandrini asked where the walk way project from the VA Hospital to the Midtown Mall is at. Stanchina communicated that the funds have been budgeted and that he is waiting to hear back from the mall.

Peterson asked if the Deer Management Meeting went well. Stanchina conveyed that the City of Kingsford seemed receptive. He spoke on several ways in which the cities could work together on certifications. Alessandrini expressed the opinion that Breitung Township is crucial to the success of a Deer Management Program. Stanchina clarified that the liability issues can be solved by requiring a certification program.

**City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola conveyed that the remaining option on the Champion water line easement is a legal remedy. He relayed that there are few details at this time. Stanchina conveyed the opinion that the grant funds should be retrieved as soon as possible.

Peterson requested that a formal deadline on the grant funds be determined.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to allow City Attorney Pirkola to pursue an easement for the Champion water line.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Alessandrini asked Pirkola if the city can increase the distance a sex offender must live from a school, beyond what the State of Michigan requires.

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**Committee Reports**

Stanchina conveyed a need for a Parks and Recreation Meeting pertaining to a Community Garden. He relayed that playgrounds and the Five Year Recreation Plan should also be considered.

Stanchina noted that the Healthcare Committee met with the city's Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative to discuss the upcoming year's insurance rates. Peterson asked if the National Healthcare Reform Bill will affect the cities rates. Stanchina communicated the opinion that the only factor that would directly affect the city at this time is insuring children up to 26 years of age.

Peterson conveyed that she had a meeting with the Mountain View Ice Arena. She noted that the ice arenas balance, that is due to the city, is decreasing at a slow rate.

**Public Comment**

Tom Casperson – 4306 US2 & 41, Escanaba, Michigan

He introduced himself and conveyed that he is running for State Senate. Casperson also noted that he had attended the Council Meeting to better understand the issues facing the City of Iron Mountain.

**Council Member Privilege**

None

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to move into Executive Session to discuss active litigation.

Corombos	Aye
Rosen	Aye
Farragh	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Villa	Aye

**Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-0)**

**Approval of Liquor License Transfer Re: William J Revord, LLC**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Liquor License transfer from Premier Cuisine Inc. to William J. Revord LLC contingent upon William Revord signing the agreement between himself and Premier Cuisine Inc.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to adjourn.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer