

# *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, September 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

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

Absent: None

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

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2010*

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Jacobetti to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2010.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 14, 2010*

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Villa to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 14, 2010.

Corombos	Aye
Villa	Aye
Jacobetti	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Farragh	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rosen	Abstain

**Motion Prevailed (Nay-0, Aye-6, Abstain-1)**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Special Presentation**

### **Resolution of Acclaim for Ms. Hailey Greenleaf Re: St. Jude's Trike-a-thon**

Rosen Read the Resolution into the Record

Peterson Entered at 6:36 p.m.

Rosen presented the Resolution to Ms. Hailey Greenleaf

Corombos noted how rare it is for a child as young as Ms. Greenleaf to have the attitude she has, as she is just starting Kindergarten..

Rosen congratulated Ms. Hailey Greenleaf on her fundraising efforts.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Authorization to Solicit Bids Re: Winter Sand**

Stanchina requested authorization to bid out 2,000 Tons of Winter Sand. He relayed that it would be more advantageous to use sand that has more grit than last year, as it performs better. Stanchina estimated that the cost should be approximately

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\$8,000 to \$9,000. Jacobetti noted that independent testing could help the issue of receiving too fine of sand. Farragh relayed that last year was the first time this problem existed.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to solicit bids for 2,000 Tons of Winter Sand.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Contribution Re: Dickinson Area Partnership**

Stanchina relayed that dues in the amount of \$6,000 are due to the Dickinson Area Partnership. He relayed that they are involved in the board based promotion of our area. Corombos conveyed that it would be beneficial to have the Dickinson Area Partnership specify what the city has received for its money. Alessandrini detailed some of the functions that the Dickinson Area Partnership undertakes.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to table this topic.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Discussion and Review of the Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt Draft Documents**

Stanchina relayed that this plan is essentially bow hunting on city owned property in order to decrease the deer herd. He provided a map detailing the proposed sites. Stanchina clarified that the area that would be hunted has not had significant complaints. He relayed that sharp shooting was effective but expensive. Peterson asked Stanchina if there were many complaints in the Pine Mountain Area. Stanchina conveyed that he doesn't receive many complaints about the deer herd. Rosen communicated that this idea is worth trying. Stanchina clarified that the land use fee should cover the basic cost of offering the Deer Management Program. Stanchina relayed that he would present the appropriate documents at the next meeting.

**No Action Taken**

### **Approval of Change #4 from James Peterson Sons, Inc. Re: S2/SRF Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

Stanchina relayed that James Peterson Sons, Inc. is requesting a time extension until November 1, 2010. He noted that they are also requesting additional funds in the amount of \$9,469.85. Stanchina proceeded to detail James Peterson's requests.

He conveyed that this should be the final change order. Peterson clarified that the city's maps will be updated as variations are determined. Corombos clarified that the contractor will be cleaning the catch basins when the project is completed.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Jacobetti to approve the proposed Change Order in the amount of \$9,469.85 and to extend the project deadline until November 1, 2010.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Resolution for First National Bank (CDARs) and Additional Depositories**

Stanchina relayed that the CDARs Program would allow the city to invest in several banks, possibly resulting in higher interest rates. Stanchina conveyed that the goal would be to invest funds on a short term basis. Rosen communicated the Finance Committee's sentiments that all financial institutions in Dickinson County should be an investment option. It was concluded that Forward Financial and the Iron Mountain Kingsford Credit Union would be added to the proposed memo.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Peterson to approve the proposed CDARs agreement with the proposed financial institutions, as well as Forward Financial and the Iron Mountain Kingsford Credit Union.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Street and Parking Lot Closure Re: Harvest on Hughitt**

Stanchina relayed that a street closure for East Hughitt Street has been requested from 7am-3pm on Saturday October 16, 2010. He also relayed that a Parking Lot closure has been requested for the Parking Lot directly in front of the Performance Stage from Friday at noon till 8 am on Monday October 18, 2010. Stanchina communicated that the Parking Lot closure is being requested as the Harvest on Hughitt event is expanding to include bands, food vendors and a beer tent.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the proposed Parking Lot closure from noon on October 15, 2010 until 8 am on October 18, as well as the proposed East Hughitt Street closure from 7am until 3 pm on October 16, 2010.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

#### **August Claims and Payroll**

Corombos noted that changes in the city's computer system and the proposed phone system will result in savings to the city. Alessandrini questioned the cost of refuse collection. Stanchina detailed the process by which the refuse fees are collected. He clarified that recycling does not save the city money.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to approve the Claims in the amount of \$718,172.84 and Payroll in the amount of \$300,448.81.

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### **City Manager Reports**

#### *Stables Bar*

Stanchina relayed that complaints about noise must be reported to the Police Department in order for them to be logged. Alessandrini voiced his support for signage at each end of the alley asking for quiet in the alley connecting the Stables Bar and adjoining businesses.

#### *Training Session in Kingsford*

Stanchina relayed that a Street Management and Maintenance Training will be taking place at Kingsford City Hall on September 28, 2010 from 6-9. He detailed the topics that the training will involve.

#### *Software System*

Stanchina conveyed that the city switched to Great Plains and Diamond Software packages in 2004; however the systems have not been performing optimally. He relayed that TIFA will be presented with the proposal to purchase new software that will replace the Great Plains and Diamond Software packages. Stanchina noted that the proposed system will be around \$29,000. He expressed the opinion that the new system would allow for improved software interaction.

#### *UP Managers Meeting*

Stanchina noted that the meeting is taking place on October 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> in Hancock, Michigan. He relayed that he would only request mileage as he has accommodations available in the area.

#### *Metal Halide Lights*

Stanchina relayed that TIFA's lighting project is nearly completed. He detailed the advantages of the new lights. Stanchina communicated that this project will have a payback period of less than two years.

#### *Paving*

Stanchina detailed the current status of the city's annual paving. He conveyed that the section of Tamarack Street that was removed during the West "B" Street Lift Station project will be replaced from West "B" Street to the existing alley, with the remaining portion of roadway being vacated with a utility easement.

#### *ISO Letter*

Stanchina noted that the city's ISO rating has decreased from a four to a five. He detailed what would have been involved in maintaining an ISO rating of a four. Corombos communicated the opinion that the City of Iron Mountain has more runs than the City of Kingsford does, thus creating a barrier to automatic aid.

#### *Alessandrini - Weed Control*

He asked if the city performed weed control this year. Alessandrini stressed the aesthetic value of weed control.

#### *Peterson - DDA Survey*

Peterson thanked the City Clerk for his efforts on the DDA Survey and the City Council for permitting the time extension.

#### *Farragh - Snow Plow Safety Program*

Farragh noted that it is time for the Snow Plow Safety Program to begin being considered.

### **City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola noted that the Champion Easement is not yet completed. It was concluded that a time line for its completions should be established.

### **Committee Reports**

Parks and Recreation will be meeting to discuss the City Park Grant Proposal.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Council Member Privilege**

Peterson expressed her surprise at Ms. Greenleaf's young age, considering the fundraising she had accomplished. Alessandrini noted that a veteran's appreciation event will be taking place at the Iron Mountain vs. Kingsford game on October 9, 2010.

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**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer