

# *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 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Corombos, Alessandrini & Villa

Absent: Council Members Farragh & Peterson

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Attorney Robert Pirkola

## **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Meeting of March 21, 2011*

Villa noted that under item number one of New Business the projected \$1,300 savings would be created by removing a crossing guard. Rosen stated that Dave Irwin is the School Liaison Officer, not Mike Irwin.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Old Business**

### **Bid Opening for the MEDC Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant Project**

Stanchina opened the sealed bids and read the following results into the record:

Hebert Construction Co.	\$479,596.52
Advance Construction	\$444,199.85
Bacco Construction Co.	\$396,420.00
Smith Paving Inc.	\$523,145.00

**Referred to the engineer for review**

## **New Business**

### **Special Use Permit for Mount Olive Church**

Stanchina stated that the proposed parking lot project would allow the Church to conform to the current parking requirements. He conveyed that excess storm water has been a concern in this area in the past.

*Chuck Meyer - Mountain Engineering*

He stated that the proposed method of drainage is a seepage basin. Meyer detailed the current storm water management plan. He voiced his confidence in a seepage basin system.

Jacobetti communicated that Mount Olive Church and Mountain Engineering have developed the best possible plan. He voiced his support for the approval of this project. Alessandrini voiced his concern for the possibility that water could spill out from their parking lot into the road, adding to the current storm water issues. Rosen expressed his support for this project. Corombos requested that Mount Olive Church agree to pump its storm water up to H Street, if problems occur.

*Larry Hoya - 421 Saratoga Street*

He stated that the church would not be willing to commit to the future installation of a pump at this time.

Rosen reiterated his support for this project, as it improves the current situation.

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

**Motion Failed**

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Hoya agreed that the Mount Olive Church would be willing to install the seepage basin down to the water table. Meyer explained the concept of a fifty year storm to the City Council.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to approve the proposed Special Use Permit for the Mount Olive Church contingent upon the installation of a seepage drain to the water table that will be inspected by the City of Iron Mountain's DPW Supervisor.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Local Approval for a Military Flyover Re: POW Recognition Day**

Stanchina stated that Laura Branz from the Department of Veteran Affairs has requested permission to hold a military flyover. He conveyed that the proposed date for the flyover is September 16, 2011.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to approve the proposed military flyover on September 16, 2011 and to allow the Department of Veteran Affairs recurring permission to hold military flyovers.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Farmer's Market Parking Lot Closure**

Stanchina stated that the Main Street Program is requesting the closure of the parking lot located in front of the downtown sound stage every Saturday from June 11, 2011 to October 1, 2011 from 7am until noon.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Alessandrini to authorize the proposed parking lot closure.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Permission to Use City Park for Easter Fun Day**

Stanchina conveyed that the Youth Advisory Committee of the Dickinson Area Community Foundation is requesting a no charge use of City Park on April 23, 2011 for 11am to 3pm. He said that they are also requesting the use of the restrooms.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve a no charge use of City Park for the Dickinson Area Community Foundation including restrooms, outbuildings or the pavilion pending weather and liability coverage.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Resolution Opposing New Centralized Educational Requirements for Assessors**

Stanchina informed the City Council of the new educational requirements for those entering the assessing field. He communicated the idea that the new regulations could make it more difficult for cities in the Upper Peninsula to find an assessor. Stanchina clarified that the new educational requirements are not the problem, the centralized location is. Villa suggested that the difficulty of hiring an assessor to work in the Upper Peninsula be noted in the resolution.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Jacobetti to approve the sending of a resolution opposing the new centralized educational requirements for assessors to McBroom, Casperson and the State Tax Commission.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Change to Health Insurance in the Administrative Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual**

Stanchina communicated that the proposed change is to increase the employee health insurance contribution to 10% of the premium. He confirmed that a high deductible plan would most likely not save the City money based on previous research. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve a 90% employer and a 10% employee contribution toward health insurance premiums.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

Stanchina informed the City Council that Mr. John Nienstaedt has resigned from the Planning Board due to conflicts with his work schedule.

Stanchina stated that the Rotary Club has set aside approximately \$20,000 to improve tot lots in Iron Mountain.

Stanchina announced that the preliminary budget deficit is \$402,700. He relayed that bargaining and labor contracts will have to be a part of reducing the proposed deficit. Stanchina confirmed that the City will have approximately \$1,400,000 in fund balance at the end of this fiscal year. It was agreed that the first budget meeting will be next Monday.

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**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

Rosen noted that additional funds must be raised for the City Park Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. He detailed the proposed fundraising efforts.

**Public Comment**

Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley Street

Kramer stated that she is representing the DDA/Main Street programs and that she is offering an open invitation to the first annual Pasties and Pies Preservation Fest. She communicated the details of the event.

**Council Member Privilege**

Jacobetti voiced his support for the recognition of Mr. John Nienstaedt's efforts on the Planning Board.

**Executive Session**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Jacobetti to move into executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy. 8:01 p.m.

Rosen	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Corombos	Aye
Villa	Aye
Jacobetti	Aye

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

Executive Session reconvened. 8:27 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer