

## *City of Iron Mountain*

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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Pro Tem Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Farragh, Corombos & Villa

Absent: Council Member Rosen & Jacobetti

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & Attorney Robert Pirkola

### **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Meeting of May 16, 2011*

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2011, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Special Meeting of May 23, 2011*

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2011, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Special Meeting of May 31, 2011*

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of May 31, 2011, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard

She conveyed the idea that past community service, communication skills and the possibility of a write in candidate should be considered when filling the vacant council position. Feleppa expressed the idea that it would be preferable for each council member to make their decisions independently of the rest of the council.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Zoning Text Amendment Re: Planning Board to a Planning Commission**

Stanchina relayed that the term Planning Board must be changed to Planning Commission by July 1, 2011, according to Michigan Law.

Alessandrini opened the public hearing.

There were no comments

Alessandrini closed the public hearing.

Stanchina confirmed that the only change that will take place is the terminology of Planning Board to Planning Commission.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve a text amendment to change the Planning Board to a Planning Commission.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN \*COMMON COUNCIL \*JUNE 6, 2011**

### **Old Business**

#### **Appointment for Unexpired At-Large Council Vacancy**

Stanchina stated that the unexpired term will expire at the end of December. Alessandrini noted that Harry Self, Barb Kramer & Bob Moraska expressed interest in filling the unexpired term. Alessandrini thanked all those who expressed their interest in the position.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Farragh to appoint Bob Moraska to fill the unexpired council vacancy.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **New Business**

#### **Street and Parking Lot Closure for Zero Gravity Action Sports Outreach Motorcycle Stunt Show**

Stanchina detailed the proposed event. He stressed that East A Street and most the parking lot would remain open during the event. Tim Wilkinson, the event coordinator, stated that between eight and ten portable bathrooms would be provided at the event. He confirmed that the event would carry insurance coverage of at least \$1,000,000. Wilkinson stated that his organization would handle any necessary barricading.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to authorize the usage of the Downtown Performance Stage and the adjacent parking lot for the Zero Gravity Action Sports Outreach Motorcycle Stunt Show on Saturday, August 13th, from 8:00 am until 9:00 pm and Sunday, August 14th, from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **MDOT Safe Routes to School Contract**

Stanchina stated that the construction costs for the Safe Routes to School project will be 100% grant funded up to \$211,640, with the City covering the engineering costs. He noted that the state did the letting for this project and that Bacco Construction was awarded the contract. Stanchina detailed the areas that would be improved by this project.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to proceed with the MDOT Safe Routes to School Contract.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Designation of City Manager as Federal Labor Standards Official for the Road and Water Infrastructure Improvement Project.**

Stanchina communicated that Peter Van Steen, CUPPAD's Transportation Planner, requested that the City Manager be appointed the Federal Labor Standards Official for the City of Iron Mountain, as to aid in the completion of documentation for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) project.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the City Manager to be the Federal Labor Standards Official for the road and water improvement project.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **MDNR Trust Fund Development Project Agreement Re: City Park**

Stanchina detailed the project agreement. He relayed that the local match for this grant is 26% with the City being responsible for 100% of the costs over the grant amount. Stanchina noted that the project must be completed by August 1, 2011.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to execute the MDNR Trust Fund development agreement for City Park.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Northstar Employee Assistance Program Agreement**

Stanchina communicated that the employee assistance program has been used in the past and must be renewed. He proceeded to detail how the program works.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Corombos to renew the Northstar Employee Assistance Program agreement for an additional year.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

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### **Acceptance of Storm Sewer Utility Easement Re: MJ Electric**

Stanchina stated that MJ Electric is planning to build a 22,000 ft<sup>2</sup> addition to their existing office building and that it will be placed between North Aragon and North Pewabic Street. He conveyed that the proposed sewer improvements would correct a current storm water issue. Stanchina relayed that a new storm water line would run under MJ Electric's parking lot and direct the water to Antoine Creek.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to accept the utility easement from MJ Electric for the storm water system.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Department of Public Works Safety Policy and Program**

Stanchina communicated the idea that the proposed safety policy would increase worker safety and management oversight. He expressed the idea that the City's workman's compensation multiplier may be positively affected by the adoption of this policy. Alessandrini stressed the importance of wearing eye protection in the garage area.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the proposed safety policy for the Department of Public Works.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Community Garden Rules, Regulation and Ad Hoc Committee**

Stanchina detailed the rules and regulations for the Community Garden.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Villa to approve the resolution in support of the Iron Mountain Community Garden.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to approve the Community Garden Policy, Registration & Plot Contract.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Community Stage Rental and Parking Lot Closure Re: Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association (IMACA)**

Stanchina stated that the Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association has requested the use of the parking lot adjacent to the Downtown Performance Stage for a Community Praise and Ice Cream Social event on August 7, 2011, between 4:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to approve the closure of the parking lot adjacent to the Downtown Performance Stage for the Iron Mountain Clergy Association on August 7, 2011, between 4:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Set a Public Hearing for an Alley Vacation Request Re: 1118 Houghteling St.**

Stanchina relayed that the City's Department Heads had no objection to the proposed vacation.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to set a public hearing for the proposed alley vacation on July 5, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

None

### **City Manager Reports**

Stanchina announced that the Out-to-Lunch program begins this Thursday.

Stanchina reported that the Dr. Fornetti Dental Clinic project will begin soon.

Stanchina noted that inappropriate items are being dumped at the City compost site on the weekends. He conveyed that the compost pile may have to be closed on the weekends if inappropriate items continue to be dropped off.

Stanchina stated that the installation of the EZ2 Valves and the MEDC ICE project will begin this week.

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**City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola stated that his firm is awaiting a response from North Side Cable's attorney concerning the North Side Cable Tower Lease. He noted that his law firm can not speak directly to North Side Cable as they have legal representation.

**Committee Reports**

Stanchina said that the Infrastructure Committee had met and that the Parks and Recreation Committee has been working on a fundraiser for the City Park improvement project.

**Public Comment**

*Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley Street*

She asked if hearing protection had been considered in the DPW Safety Policy. Stanchina confirmed that hearing protection is addressed in the DPW Safety Policy.

*Bob Moraska - 224 West D Street*

He thanked the City Council for selecting him to fill the unexpired council position. Moraska assured Feleppa that he will not rubberstamp items as a member of the City Council.

*Virginia Feleppa - 1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard*

She expressed concern for the amount of time that is available for sediment to settle from the water that the MJ Electric storm water project will redirect. Farragh and Stanchina assured her that there was ample time and opportunity for the sediment to settle.

**Council Member Privilege**


None

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer