

## *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, January 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Pro Tem Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Jacobetti, Moraska, Corombos, Villa

Absent: Council Members Rosen & Farragh

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

### **Approval of Agenda**

Corombos requested that "Discussion of Debt Repayment Re: Fire Truck" be added as number five under New Business. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the agenda, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012*

Corombos noted that he had nominated Member Rosen for Mayor, not Member Alessandrini, and that the votes approving the nominations for Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem were not included in the presented minutes.

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2012, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Special Meeting of January 9, 2012*

It was moved by Jacobetti and supported by Corombos to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2012, as presented.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Introduction of Parking Lot Lease Re: Even side of 400 S. Stephenson Ave.**

Stanchina explained the process that must be followed to renew City leases. He relayed that the City pays approximately \$300 annually to lease the property included in the proposed parking lot leases.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to set a public hearing on February 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to the proposed parking lot leases between the City of Iron Mountain and both L& B Real Estate Partnership and Frank and Alice Smith.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Appointment to the Iron Mountain Housing Commission Re: Ms. Evelyn Zeutzius**

**Tabled Until Next Meeting**

#### **Approval of Master Plan Publication**

Stanchina conveyed that the Planning Commission accepted the City Council's proposed changes for the Master Plan. He stated that the next step in the process of approving an updated Master Plan is to approve the publication of the Master Plan with the proposed updates.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve the Master Plan, with the proposed revisions, for publication.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN\*COMMON COUNCIL\*JANUARY 16, 2012**

### **Discussion of Tree Ordinance Amendment**

Virginia Feleppa, Tree Board Member, clarified the intended purpose of the proposed tree pruning permit and the associated fee. Alessandrini expressed the opinion that the proposed insurance requirement is not sufficient and that the proposed tree pruning permit fee is too high. He suggested that the permit fee be \$5. It was concluded that the permit fee would be included as an item on the fee schedule. The City Council discussed the proposed Tree Ordinance. Pirkola relayed that the penalty for not following the proposed Tree Ordinance could be decriminalized. Alessandrini noted that the weeping willow was not included in the list of trees that are not permitted in the City. Jacobetti questioned the level of public awareness for the proposed tree ordinance. Stanchina stated that he would update the proposed tree ordinance, as to reflect the most recent suggestions, and present a clean copy at the next meeting.

### **No Action Taken**

### **Discussion of Debt Repayment Re: Fire Truck**

Corombos expressed the opinion that it would be preferable to pay off the fire truck since the City's rate of return on its investments is significantly less than the interest rate the City is paying on the fire truck loan. Bartolameolli conveyed that \$147,945.89 of principle and \$1,933.89 of accrued interest is due on the fire truck, assuming a payoff date of January 17, 2012. She added that \$20.79 of interest accrues on the fire truck loan daily. Bartolameolli relayed that the Equipment Replacement Fund has a balance of approximately \$221,000, with \$100,000 being encumbered by a Certificate of Deposit. Corombos suggested that the City utilize the unencumbered balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund and pay the remainder of the fire truck loan from the General Fund, saving the General Fund the annual cost of the fire truck's loan payment. He clarified that the remaining balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund could be accessed if an emergency arose.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to pay off the fire truck loan with a budget amendment that is most advantageous to the City.

### **Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## **Reports**

### **Financial Reports**

Corombos stated that the Finance Committee is going to begin reviewing the recurring monthly expenses and verifying their necessity.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to approve the Claims in the amount of \$1,140,879.66 and the Payroll in the amount of \$377,971.35.

### **Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **City Manager Reports**

Stanchina informed the City Council that the State legislature is considering replacing Personal Property Tax with a form of revenue sharing. He updated them on the current status of this situation.

### **City Attorney Reports**

Pirkola projected that he would have an ordinance to control the development of smoke shops ready for the next City Council meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Villa conveyed that the City Park improvement project and planning for the annual Saturday in the Park event will begin soon.

Villa reported that the Mountain View Ice Arena has been dealing with issues related to contracted ice time and has been operating at a profit.

Stanchina stated that the Consolidated Services Committee has been discussing mutual aid.

## **Public Comment**

*Virginia Feleppa -1136 Crystal Lake Boulevard*

She requested that the Master Plan and Special City Council Meetings be placed on the City website.

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*Bradley Maki - 215 West D Street*

He confirmed that the Department of Public Works has traditionally maintained the limbs of trees located in the boulevard. He suggested that trees which tend to grow to a tall height not be planted directly under power lines.

**Council Member Privilege**

Alessandrini thanked the Tree Board for their efforts.

**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