

Special Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen  
Present: Council Members Burke, Alessandrini, Corombos, Rosen and Farragh  
Absent: Council Member Peterson  
Also Present: CFO Bartolameolli

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Budget Discussion**

City Manager Stanchina stated that the Council has received a five year forecast of revenue and expenditures. He said the forecast presented does not include money for equipment purchases, paving or capital improvements. He informed the Council that the trend shows expenditures increase at a much greater rate than revenue. Mr. Urbany stated that equipment purchases are difficult because there is currently \$130,000 in debt payments and the five year equipment schedule would need \$150,000 per year. He said that staff needs to know which projects are important to the Council because there will be limited resources for projects. He stated that the City's share of TIFA has always been general fund money.

Member Rosen suggested that consolidating services could reduce expenses.

Mayor VanLaanen said that for 5 years the Council thought TIFA could grow the tax base. Member Corombos said that economic development takes time and it has always been done in a non-gambling way. He feels there will be little economic development in the next few years. He believes now is the time for the City to develop a fortress mentality.

Mr. Urbany would like to look in depth at health care and pension system expenses. He would like to put together a budget showing no TIFA capture.

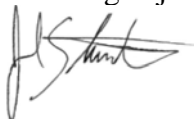
Mayor VanLaanen would like to look at ways to grow the tax base. Member Rosen stated that Mayor VanLaanen's economic development ideas are from left field. He feels a better project is approving the Millie Hill Subdivision.

Mr. Urbany stated that there is a lack of cost analysis in many of the projects and ideas. He feels the Council needs a proposal that raises \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year.

**Public Comment**

None

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina  
Clerk-Treasurer