

## *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 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor VanLaanen  
Present: Council Members Corombos, Alessandrini, Farragh, Rosen & Burke  
Absent: Council Member Peterson  
Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & CFO Bartolameolli

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was considered approved with the following addition:

New Business

6. EDA appointment

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009*

Approved as prepared

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds**

VanLaanen opened the Public Hearing

Stanchina communicated that the City of Iron Mountain has filed its notice of intent for the Michigan Economic Development Corporations (MEDC) Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He relayed that the proposed project would take place on the North Side of Iron Mountain. Stanchina noted that the project would include: 2 blocks on E. Main Street, starting on Pewabic Street and ending at Broadway and two blocks of 5<sup>th</sup> Street starting at E. Main Street and heading south. He detailed that the projects would include new water mains, valves and new roads. Stanchina stated that the total project cost would be \$390,000 with \$240,600 from the MEDC ICE CDBG and \$150,000 from the city's water fund.

Public Comment

No residents came forward to comment.

VanLaanen closed the Public Hearing

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Approval of CDBG resolution and grant application RE: MEDC ICE**

VanLaanen asked how the MEDC is tied into this grant. Stanchina noted that the grant is to improve low to moderate income neighborhoods, adding stability. VanLaanen asked if the grant is MEDC money. VanLaanen read the resolution into the record.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the resolution approving the MEDC Grant as submitted.

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

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### **Authorization to solicit bids RE: winter sand**

Stanchina relayed that the DPW supervisor has requested that the city bid out 2,000 tons of winter sand. He added that last years bid price was \$4.70 per ton and that he would expect the price to be similar this year.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Corombos to solicit bids for winter sand.

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

### **Approval of letter of support for Habitat for Humanity RE: Non-Profit Exemption**

Stanchina noted that Habitat for Humanity has asked for a non-profit status since mortgage lending practices have changed due to the credit crisis. He added that Habitat for Humanity would save \$2,500 a year for further operations. Stanchina communicated that they are looking for a letter of support.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Alessandrini to offer a letter of support for Habitat for Humanity's non-profit exemption status.

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

### **Approval to set an alley vacation hearing for 739 East D Street**

Stanchina stated that this item is just setting the hearing date. He noted that the home owner at 739 E. D Street would like to have the alley between Vanburen and Jackson Street vacated. VanLaanen asked if the other residents would want to take ownership of part of the alley. Stanchina relayed that they would be notified. VanLaanen asked if the other home owners would need to take the property. Stanchina communicated that the land could just be given to the school. VanLaanen noted that he wants to make sure that no one objects. Corombos stated that he did not think anyone would object.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to hold a public hearing on October 19, 2009 at 6:30 PM for the requested alley vacation at 739 East D Street.

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

### **Authorization to execute the ACH origination agreement RE: First National Bank**

Stanchina communicated that the city currently uses the automatic clearing house service to do direct deposits for employees. He relayed that the bank would like a more updated agreement signed. Stanchina noted that City Attorney Pirkola had no objections to signing this agreement.

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Burke to support the ACH agreement with the First National Bank as submitted.

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

### **EDA Appointment**

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Corombos to appoint City Manager Stanchina to sit on the Economic Development Alliance Board for the City of Iron Mountain.

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

### **Reports**

#### **Financial Reports**

VanLaanen read the September 17, 2009 MERS electronic invoice in the amount of \$28,802.41 into the record.

#### **Claims and Payroll**

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of August with regular wages in the amount of \$284,693.19 and OT in the amount of \$20,092.75. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$1,055,823.94. Rosen recommends approval of the claims and payroll based on the finance committee's collaboration.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Rosen to approve the claims and payroll

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

#### **City Manager**

Stanchina noted that all the city's paving is complete for this year. He reported that some minor issues with the paving have been corrected, including some run off issues. Stanchina communicated that the city is probably going to come in under budget on the project.

Stanchina relayed that he followed up as requested by Alessandrini and no squad cars were available locally. He added that a squad car was purchased from Signature Ford.

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Stanchina communicated that he is getting quotes to get the Well House power panel fixed from the damage done during the recent Well House fire. He relayed that he hopes to have something shortly.

Stanchina voiced that he met with Lynn Harvey and Darryl Wickman about how the Public Safety study will proceed. Stanchina relayed that Harvey has a lot of experience in how to combine police and fire departments. Harvey stated that there are two major questions within this process: -what level of fire services are you looking for and what level of police protection are you looking for. He added that once this is figured out options can be looked at. Harvey stressed that the city has to look at the political realities when considering this issue.

Alessandrini asked if Stanchina made progress on recovering the \$41,000 of the city's grant money, relating to a waterline project on the Champion property. Stanchina stated that he has made the City Attorney aware of this issue. Alessandrini requested a dead line for this item. Stanchina felt it would be premature to do that.

Rosen asked where the city is with the Rental Rehabilitation Grant. Stanchina stated that the Main Street program has been working on it during their training. Rosen asked if the city has missed this years round. Rosen stated that this grant can be applied for twice a year with a max of \$500,000.

**City Attorney**

None

**Committee Reports**

Corombos reported that the negotiation committee did not meet due to the City Manager being ill.

Burke noted that the Parks and Recreation committee is waiting for the City Park grant to come through. He added that the archery range is being restructured. Stanchina relayed that several amenities were reorganized. Burke asked how long it would be before the football fields would be worked on. Stanchina relayed that it would be the year after next.

Rosen asked how much actual money is the bat cave costing the city. Stanchina stated that the city is paying zero for the project, labor costs is all that the city is incurring.

Stanchina communicated that the Little League group has moved the fence out on the west side field. He noted that snow fencing can make the field smaller if needed. Corombos asked if the field is lit. Burke noted that the lights are on the way.

**Public Comment**

None

**Council Member Privilege**

Corombos communicated that the Main Street events are working within the community. He also noted how much sidewalk the Michigan Training Council is helping to install.

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion prevailed unanimously**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk