

**IRON RIVER CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2001
5:34 P.M.**

Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m., in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present included Councilman Alfred Perlongo, Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Attorney Mark Tousignant, City Manager Rosalie King and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. (absent was Klint Safford)

Others in attendance included Mike Gatzow, Virgil Thompson, Jeff Sjoquist, Rick Sheltrou, Mark Albright, Dave Clements, Kathy Saylor, and Bob Hagelin.

Added to the agenda under New Business (E) Burning Ordinance, (F) Registration for Legislative Conference in March, (G) MERS, (H) NSF Check charges and under Old business (C) Election. With the additions listed, Coates moved to accept the amended agenda and Beber offered support. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF THE
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of 2-2-01, Public Hearing of 2-2-01, the Regular meeting of 2-5-01 and the Election Commission meeting of 2-15-01. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF
MINUTES**

There was some discussion about people running through the stop sign posted on Ice Lake Road near the Marquette Medical Center. Manager King will check into installing another stop sign on the left side of the road.

**ADDIT'L
STOP SIGN
NEAR
CLINIC**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virgil Thompson had a couple of concerns. First he wondered if the plows could plow out the mail boxes, as Mineral Hills previously did that for their residents; second, he wondered who would replace the boxes if the plow knocked them down and finally, he asked if the turn around near Cimorelli's could be widened on the south side, as it is becoming narrow.

**MINERAL
HILLS
MAIL-
BOXES -
PLOW &
WIDEN
SPIES
TURN
AROUND**

Manager King will check on widening the turn around. The other concerns Thompson had, the board felt that they can't plow out the mailboxes for only that area, and not the rest of Iron River, and the guys really don't have that kind of time.

CONSENT AGENDA

After some discussion, the board agreed not to sell any property that was requested to purchase by Mike Gursky, because other neighbors were also interested in purchasing part of the alley.

**CITY
PROPERTY
REQUEST
FROM M.
GURSKY-
ALLEY**

No action was taken on the property advertised for the old Stambaugh Theater, as no bids were received.

The consent agenda, which included Business After Hours bulletin and Chamber Newsletter and above property requests, was approved on a motion from Coates with support from Beber. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVAL**

OLD BUSINESS

Two bids were received for the Police Dept. renovations. Brian Keliin Contracting's bid was \$13,500 and C. Jerry Anderson's bid was \$16,727.00.

**POLICE
DEPT.
RENOVA-
TIONS**

Perlongo moved with Coates supporting to have Manager King tabulate the bids and report results at the next meeting.

Bark River declined to submit a bid for the sweeper, however Polk Diesel submitted a bid for \$132,200 plus additional options \$15,705 for a total of \$147,905.00.

**SWEEPER
BIDS**

Manager King and Mayor Soderbloom will review the specs for the sweeper with the Public Works Dept. and add the subject to the agenda of a special meeting which will be held on Wednesday, after MML Rep. Scott Tilford meets with Manager King to discuss the outcome of payment the city will receive from the insurance company, due to the fire.

The board reminded the public to vote in the Special City Election that will be held on March 6, 2001.

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal was received from Sundberg/Carlson for consolidating the water system study and Mineral Hills. To summarize, an approach that involves two main issues: Hydraulic Model and Report a consolidation of water systems, and preliminary engineering report of Iron River North Water System.

**PROPOSAL
FOR
CONSOLID
ATION
WATER
PROJECT
WITH
MINERAL
HILLS**

The anticipated fee for the study would be approximately \$23,000 to \$29,000.

Tousignant asked that the cost be broken down between Iron River North and Iron River Central.

Manager King will meet with Mike Gatzow of Sundberg/Carlson to discuss the cost of the proposal to Iron River Central & Iron River North.

Jeff Sjoquist noted that by doing the study, we can prove to the DEQ whether or not Mineral Hills can be served off of the Iron River tank.

Manager King researched prices on plaques for the new City of Iron River to be installed in City Hall. The board decided to continue to look for a suitable plaque.

Due to the city fire that took place February 8, 2001, we are renting three trucks from Schultz Equipment. They would like to know what are intentions are regarding purchasing the equipment. Manager King will check with them to see if we can hold off returning the trucks, until we meet with our insurance representative on Wednesday, February 22, 2001, to see what the outcome of the replacement cost will be.

**RENTAL OF
3 TRUCKS
FROM
SCHULTZ
EQUIP. DUE
TO THE
FIRE**

Perlongo moved to adopt Burning Ordinance #17 and Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Safford Motion passed.

**ADOPT
ORD. #17
BURNING
ORD.**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to allow anyone who would like to attend the Legislative Conference in Lansing on March 21, 2001, do so.

Roll Call: Ayes: 2 – Beber & Soderbloom Nays: 2 - Perlono and Coates Absent 1 – Safford Tied vote – no action taken.

Manager King reported that according to the MERS actuary there is no exposure for the Public Works or the office staff. However, due to changes in the contract, the city will have to pay approximately \$2,000/per month.

**MERS
POLICE
DEPT.**

Perlongo moved to approve paying the \$13,000 due to MERS and at the same time, have Manager King try to work something out so the city will get a reduced rate. Beber offered support.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Safford Motion passed.

Beber moved to adopt a policy of charging \$25.00 for all NSF checks in the city. Notice will be posted in City Hall in printed on the next outgoing water bills. Perlono supported the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Safford Motion carried.

**NSF
CHARGE ON
CHECKS**

LEGAL

Attorney Tousignant reported that an agreement has been reached with the Tri-City Fire Authority.

He also reported that he was able to secure a clear title on the Pascenti House and will be able to proceed in closing the deal with Jim Eisch. The water project right of way issues are being resolved.

PASCENTI HOUSE

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

In regard to a 5 year plan for the city, Manager King would recommend working on the cautious side and wait until we have one year under our belt and see where we are at. Also due to the recent fire the city experienced, King would like to hold off.

5 YEAR PLAN

The Ice Lake handicapped accessible fishing ramp was discussed.

Coates moved to have Manager King get with Mike Gatzow of Sundberg/Carlson and check into the previous study that was done on the Ice Lake Handicapped accessible fishing ramp: the motion was supported by Perlongo.

ICE LAKE HANDICAPPED ACCESS. FISHING RAMP

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Safford Motion carried.

Attorney Tousignant wanted to clarify the recent lawsuit that was filed on behalf of the City of Iron River. The purpose of the action is to have the courts determine how many seats if any, we are entitled to on the West Iron County Sewer Authority, since consolidation. He stated that we need to declare what the relative rights are of the municipalities.

LAWSUIT FILED W/WICSA

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion,
City Clerk**