

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2001  
1:05 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

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

Bob Hagelin, Virgil Thompson, Arthur Sacheck, Joan Penkivech, Jeff Sjoquist, Desirae Benchhoff and one student from High School, also attended the meeting.

With the addition under Financials (c) Sundberg/Carlson invoice for \$19,755.00; under New Business (a) add Iron River Water Project to the Stambaugh Water Project agenda item, Beber moved to accept the amended agenda and Perlongo supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 19, 2001, Regular meeting of February 19, 2001, Special meetings of February 23 & 28, 2001 were all accepted as written, on a motion from Coates and support from Beber. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terry Tarsi was present on behalf of the Recreation Committee. He informed the board that the 5 year Recreation Plan has been adopted and the city has money remaining in their budget, yet for this year. The Recreation Committee would like to be given authority to use the money on some projects within Iron River, as far as recreation. Various parks have some problem areas that should be addressed.

Bachman Park tennis courts need immediate attention. The blacktopped courts should be replaced with a new base; there is also a drainage problem at one of the entrances to the park, which could be contributing to the problem with the tennis courts. Painting needs to be done, playground equipment needs some maintenance and light posts are rusty.

Ice Lake Park changing house is also in bad shape.

Tarsi was asking that the board consider releasing the funds when needed, to the Recreation Committee so they can pursue bids to get the work completed this spring.

**AMEND-  
MENTS TO  
THE  
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL  
OF  
PREVIOUS  
MINUTES**

**RECREA-  
TION  
COMM.  
REQUEST-  
ING FUNDS  
IN BUDGET**

**BACHMAN  
PARK  
IMPROVE-  
MENTS**

Coates moved to have Manager King find out exactly how much money has been set aside for recreation and community promotion and let the board know; also have the Recreation Committee come up with a recommendation as to what the money will be spent on. Perlongo offered support.

**RECREATION COM.  
BUDGETED  
MONEY**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Tarsi then asked the board if they have any questions of him representing the city as a WIC Sewer Authority member. He reported that at the last meeting, ordinances must be enforced if we are going to control the I&I. Every city is going to be responsible for acquiring a list of sump pumps in houses and roof drains throughout town.

**WICSA  
REPRESENTATION**

There was some questioned as to whether or not Iron River Township has contacted the city to let them know that Christensen Cabinets was connecting to the sewer system. Manager King will check for any documentation notifying us as such.

**IRON  
RIVER TWP  
HOOKING  
UP CHRIST-  
ENSEN  
CABINET**

Desirae Benchoff from the High School was present at the meeting and has been working with Manager King and a couple of council members, to come up with some ideas to curb the loitering problem in the downtown area. Ms. Benchoff has compiled extensive plans for a skateboard/bike riding/roller blade/ ramp. Benchoff has done a survey with several students who feel the ramp would be a good idea and could help the loitering problem. Nanaimo Park received the highest rating from the survey. (this is not part of the newly adopted recreation plan) Benchoff said that the students would be willing to raise money to help pay for the ramp.

**SKATEBOARD  
RAMP  
DISCUSSION**

Manager King will check with our insurance company and see if there are any problems with having the skateboard ramp in the city limits, and she will let Benchoff know when the next recreation committee meeting is, so she can present the skateboard proposal to them.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the Public Hearing meeting at this time (1:40 p.m. CST). All were in favor. Motion passed.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the Iron River Housing minutes of January 9, 2001, Stambaugh Housing minutes of January 9, 2001, Watershed correspondence and Iron County Search and Rescue data, were approved on a motion from Beber and support from Coates. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**FINANCIALS**

**FINANCIAL**

February disbursements, Attorney Mark Tousignant's bill of \$6,755.32 and Sundberg/Carlson bill of \$19,755.00 (King will review SCA bill) were all approved on a motion from Perlongo and support from Coates.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Beber moved to approve the department reports for the month of February 2001 and Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPART-  
MENT  
REPORTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Manager King reported that Well's Fargo could not match the interest rate being offered from International Finance Group, of 5.14%.

**FINANC-  
ING  
APPROVAL  
FOR 2001  
PLOW  
TRUCK  
FROM  
SCHULTZ**

Safford moved to approve financing the new truck through International Finance Group; Coates offered support.

Roll Call: Ayes: 1 – Safford Nays: 4 Motion denied.

Coates moved to approve Wells Fargo as the financial institute to be used to finance the 2001 plow truck & two tandum trucks from Schultz Equipment at an interest rate of 5.54%; Beber offered support. (King will ask that no additional fees be assessed to the city)

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

The Public Works Dept. was not prepared to discuss the trucks from Schultz. King reported that one of the trucks did start to smoke and is being checked out in Iron Mountain.

**4X4 TRUCK**

Assistant Foreman Dave Clements did inspect the 4 x 4 truck in Milwaukee and the asking price was \$48,000, which included the truck, box, v-sander and plow. Clements counter offered \$45,000 and we are waiting for a response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL  
OF FINAL  
PYMT FOR  
STAMBO  
WATER  
PROJECT**

Jeff Sjoquist of Sundberg/Carlson informed the board that final payment of \$7,538.20 to Hebert Construction and \$445.00 to Sundberg/Carlson totaling \$7,983.20j, is due at this time. This will close out the Stambaugh Water Project completely.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to pay the final bills totaling \$7,983.20 for the Stambaugh Water Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**IRON  
RIVER  
WATER  
PROJECT  
UPDATE**

Iron River Water Project was discussed next. The city has to prove to Rural Development that the city owns land or has acquired easements for all water lines to be installed.

There is some concern regarding ownership of property near the Water Tank on Hunter Road. Sjoquist reported that a portion of land of where the existing road way goes and where our planned water

main goes, is off of city owned land; the land appears to be owned by Steele Magnet. Discussions have been ongoing with Mr. Magnet to swap other property, however the other property does not meet Mr. Magnet's needs.

**IR WATER  
PROJECT –  
STEELE  
MAGNET  
PROPERTY  
ON  
HUNTER  
ROAD**

Mr. Magnet is looking at the east 15 feet in the area of Mark Barinotti's house and going north of the house, he would obtain 30 feet. This land swap would be more suitable for Mr. Magnet. His purpose is to get road access to U.S. 2.

Safford asked if the homeowner has been contacted yet, but was told no.

Tousignant said the city could claim the road by adverse position, but even though we own the road/acquired by adverse position the issue becomes, are we increasing our usage in the property.

It was the general consensus of the board to have Attorney Tousignant talk to the homeowner and see how he feels about this land situation; call a special meeting after contact has been made and decide what will take place, so the water project does not get held up.

The American Legion 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legislative dinner will be held on 3-17-01, for anyone wishing to attend.

Perlongo moved with Safford supporting to purchase two spare pumps to replace those destroyed in the city fire on 2-8-01, from W.B. Thompson (1 - \$3,649.00 & 1 - \$4,600.00).

**APPROVAL  
TO  
PURCHASE  
2 SPARE  
PUMPS –  
DUE TO  
FIRE**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed unanimously.

Safford moved to adopt the Hazardous Material Waste Recovery – Ordinance #18 and Perlongo supported.

**ADOPT  
HAZARD-  
OUS  
RECOVERY  
ORD #18**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**LEGAL**

Attorney Mark Tousignant told the board that during the month of February extensive activity has been done in regard to the Iron River Water Project.

There were no commissioner comments at this time.

Manager King asked that the board consider where they want the new city garage to be built; this will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

Safford moved with Beber supporting to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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**Peggy Shamion, City Clerk**