

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001
5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members attending included Councilmen Clint Safford, Tom Beber, Alfred Perlongo, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rosalie King and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Others attending included Terry Tarsi, Mike Gatzow, Tom Mayo, Don McDonald, Tom Karvala, Mike Berutti, Wayne Wales, Virgil Thompson, Peter Korach, Bernie Sackcheck and a couple of students from the government class.

Perlongo moved with Beber supporting to amend the agenda to the following: New Business (j) fund transfers, (k) WICPS Athletic Dept., (l) Iron River Cemetery; moved New Business (d) up to Public Comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The regular minutes of April 16, 2001, Special meeting minutes of April 18, 2001, Public Hearing minutes of April 25, 2001 and the Special meeting of May 2, 2001 were all approved as written on a motion offered by Coates and support from Beber. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Tarsi spoke on behalf of the Recreation Committee. They are hoping to get approval from the city to release money (approximately \$60,000) for repairs to Bachman, Ice Lake and Nanaimo Parks.

**RECREA-
TION COMM.
REQUEST
FUNDS FOR
REPAIRS TO
BACHMAN,
NANAIMO,
AND ICE
LAKE
PARKS**

Manager King told the board that the cement blocks are falling down off of the Ice Lake Park Bathhouse. Valley Construction gave an estimate, not to exceed \$9,500, to make necessary repairs.

King suggested taking money from this years budget and next year's budget, which would bring us close to what the Recreation Committee is requesting.

Safford then moved to approve the subcommittee's request over this year's budget and next year's budget money. The committee also meet with Dick Anderson and oversee the projects. Coates supported.

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

Mike Berutti of the West Iron County Public Schools Athletic Dept., was present with a concern that the cross country and skiing programs at the High School level were going to be cut. He asked if there could be something the city could do to help out the situation of cutting the two sports.

**NELSON
FIELD
RENTAL FEE
WAIVED FOR
1 YR TO
HELP THE
SKIING AND
CROSS
COUNTY
PROGRAMS**

The contract for the rental of Nelson Field of \$9,500/year expires 8-23-02. Berutti asked if the city would consider waiving the fee for one year to help them defray the cost of the athletic program so they can keep the two sporting events. The school in turn would take over cutting the football field grass.

After some discussion, Perlongo moved to waive the \$9,500 rental fee for Nelson Field for one year (this money must be used in the Athletic Fund as the cities contribution to help save the cross country and skiing programs) Manager King will meet with the Athletic Dept. to work out various details. Coates supported the motion.

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

The Consent Agenda consisting of the Iron River Housing Minutes of March 20, 2001, MDOT letter of April 26, 2001 (Five Year Plan), DNR correspondence of April 16, 2001 (Nelson Field Barrier Free Facility Improvements) and the Tri-City Fire Agreement dated 3-30-01, were all approved on a motion from Perlongo with support from Beber. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Perlongo moved with Coates supporting to allow Community Schools to use Bachman Park and Nelson Field for their summer recreation program. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
FOR COMM.
SCHOOLS
TO USE
NELSON
FIELD AND
BACHMAN
PARKS**

There was no action taken on correspondence from Sundberg/Carlson regarding the proposed Pedestrian Bridge at Nanaimo Park. (Manager King said the bridge is included in the Watershed grant)

An offer was received from Richard Nielsen to Quit Claim property located at 305 Lay Ave. over to the city. After some discussion, Perlongo moved not to accept the property as the city is not interested in it.

**RICHARD
NIELSEN
PROPERTY
305 LAY
AVE.**

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

Coates moved with Perlongo supporting to accept Manager King's recommendation and begin work at the Ice Lake Park Bathhouse with Butch Testini doing the work.

**APPROVAL
TO REPAIR
ICE LAKE
PARK BATH-
HOUSE**

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

The department reports from the Manager, Public Works and Police Department were all accepted and placed on a file, with a motion from Beber and Perlongo supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMT
REPORTS**

Accounts payable for \$33,844.68 and April disbursements were approved on a motion from Perlongo and Safford supporting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

A/P

OLD BUSINESS

Safford moved with Beber supporting to adopt the amended Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Ordinances. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
AMENDED
WATER,
SEWER &
SOLID
WASTE ORD.**

Bids were received on sewer separation between 3rd & 4th St. by Stambo City Hall. Hebert Construction's bid is \$6,500, T&T Excavating bid \$4,800 and Wales Excavating was \$9,640.

**SEWER
SEPARA-
TION BIDS
RECEIVED
FOR 3RD &
4TH St.**

Bids were also received for removal of 560 ft of 10" sanitary sewer located on Olive Street (by Iron River City old Garage). Hebert Construction bid \$17,200.00 for 8" sanitary sewer, Wales Excavating bid was \$30,825.00 and T&T Excavating bid \$22,300.00.

**OLIVE ST
SEWER
SEPARA-
TION BID**

Perlongo moved to have Manager King tabulate and come back with a recommendation for the board at a special meeting that will be held on May 9, 2001. Coates supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Perlongo moved to accept the offer from Janet Plutchak of \$1,226.80 for property advertised at Plat of Hammer, Lots 9 & 10 (36-054-504-010-00) since all requirements were met. Safford supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**SELL
PROPERTY
TO JANET
PLUTCHAK
BEHIND 1ST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

NEW BUSINESS

The board agreed to meet with AFSCME representatives on June 7, at 9:30 a.m. to begin negotiations for the Public Works Dept. Perlongo, Safford and Manager King will be city's representatives.

**UNION
NEGOTIA-
TIONS**

The board also agreed to meet with the Police Dept. union to begin negotiations on June 14 at 9:30 a.m. Perlongo, Safford and Mike Goriesky will represent the city.

A donation of \$125 was approved for UPTRA from the RV Park Fund, on a motion from Perlongo and support from Beber.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**UPTRA
DONATION
FROM RV
PARK**

Mike Gatzow of Sundberg/Carlson informed the board that he has met with representatives of Alliance Construction of Superior, WI and would recommend to the city, awarding the bid for the Water System Improvement Project to them, for a base bid of \$4,756,967.00 and accept all the alternate adds of \$654,860.80 – thus bringing the total awarded contract to \$5,411,827.80.

**AWARD
WATER SYS
IMPROVE-
MENT
PROJECT**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to accept Sundberg/Carlson's recommendation and award the Water System Improvement project bid to Alliance Construction for a total of \$5,411,827.80 (\$4,756,967.00 plus alternate adds of \$654,860.80)
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**AWARD BID
FOR WATER
PROJECT**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve Joanne Swenski's retirement effective July 1, 2001 and pay her medical insurance until she turns 65 (2-21-08). All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE J
SWENSKI'S
RETIRMT &
PAY INSUR-
ANCE**

Manager King recommended advertising immediately for a part time position working 25 hrs a week starting at \$9.00 with pro-rated benefits.

Perlongo moved to present a letter of appreciation to Ms. Swenski. Soderbloom supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Councilman Safford left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Manager King will contact Waste Management and ask about a clause in the contract regarding two garbage trucks for 3 hours for a once a year clean up.

The Booster Club has hired Sundberg/Carlson to do the design for the long jump/pole vault project at Nelson Field.

**LONG
JUMP/POLE
VAULT AT
NELSON
FIELD
DESIGN**

A Zoning Meeting and City meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.

Beber approved the following fund transfers: \$55,000 into Local Fund from General, \$70,000 to Major Fund from General and \$25,000 to Local Fund from Major Streets. Coates supported the motion.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Safford Motion carried.

**APPROVE
FUND
TRANSFERS**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Perlongo will check to see if the football team or other sporting events or Scouts can help fix up Iron River Cemetery.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**