

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2001  
5:35 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Cindy Barrette, Nick Grabowski, Laura Frizzo, Wade Comish, Wade Cross, Tom Mayo, Don Gurchionoff, Randy Clements, Shana Harvala, Brad Shelgren, Dennis Powell, Vicki Greig, Eli Heikkila, Beth Berkheiser, Virgil Thompson, Pete Korach, Mike Goriesky, Under Sheriff Vernon Jones, Bob Hagelin, and Don Nessen.

Members of the Sherriff's Dept. commended the Iron River Police Dept. for their part in solving an armed robbery case on October 11, 2000. Without their contribution to the case, it would have never been solved. Chief Goriesky accepted a certificate commending his department for their participation in the case. Recognized for their actions were Sgt. Cindy Barrette, Officers Nick Grabowski, Laura Frizzo and Chief Mike Goriesky.

**PRESENTA-  
TION TO I.R.  
POLICE  
DEPT. (SGT.  
BARRETT,  
FRIZZO,  
GRABOWSKI  
&  
GORIESKY)**

The agenda was amended under Old Business (e) Sewer Authority, (f) Adopt Blight amended Ordinance and Purchasing Ordinance. New Business (h) City banners, (l) Safety Equipment and trash pump and (j) BAR Enterprises. Under #14 LEGAL COMMENTS. Coates moved with Perlongo supporting to accept the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

Perlono moved with Beber supporting to approve the following minutes: Election Commission of April 27, 2001, Regular meeting of May 7, 2001, Public Hearing meeting of May 9, 2001, Special meeting of May 9, 2001, Special meeting with Zoning Board of May 10, 2001, Special meeting of May 14, 2001 and Special meeting of May 16, 2001. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don Gurchionoff was present asking the board why the city didn't stay with the Stambaugh Cemetery Association. Mayor Soderbloom told him that the city tried, but all attempts failed. If he has a problem with what he is charged for a burial, he must talk to the Stambaugh Cemetery Board.

**DON  
GURCHI-  
NOFF AND  
STAMBO  
CEMETERY  
BURIAL  
RATES**

The Iron River Housing minutes of April 10, 2001, Stambaugh Housing minutes of April 9, 2001, DDA minutes of April 16, 2001, Business After Hours correspondence, Loia Mobil Mart Letter (snow plowing), MML Liability Pool letter and DDA Parking lot, all made up the Consent Agenda and were approved on a motion from Perlongo with Coates offering support. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Nelson Field Agreement with the West Iron County Public Schools/City of Iron River was approved as revised on a motion from Perlongo and support from Coates.

**NELSON  
FIELD  
AGREEMENT  
WITH WICPS**

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

A proposal to purchase Stambaugh City Hall was discussed. Don Nessen would like to create a night club catering to upper middle class with an age group of 28-54. The business hours would be Friday and Saturday nights only.

**PROPOSAL  
TO  
PURCHASE  
STAMBO  
CITY HALL**

The city does not presently have a purchasing ordinance in place, so there would be no need to advertise.

After some discussion, Coates moved to sell the Stambaugh City Hall for \$1.00, with a reverter clause of 36 months; also closely monitor the construction progress of the building and the water dept. stays until they move into their newly constructed building. City Attorney will review an agreement and if he's comfortable with it, the city proceed. Safford supported the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 – Perlongo Motion carried.

Safford moved with Beber supporting to approve burial rates in the Iron River City Cemetery at \$300 for resident or non-resident and \$150 for a cremation for resident or non-resident.

**BURIAL  
RATES**

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

The Public Works Dept. was going to strip the fire truck that was received from the Tri City Fire Dept. to use for a sewer cleaning machine, but has an opportunity to swap the fire truck for another truck which could be used instead for the sewer cleaning machine.

**PUBLIC  
WORKS  
EXCHANGE  
OF FIRE  
TRUCK FOR  
TRUCK -  
SEWER  
CLEANING  
MACHINE**

Perlongo moved to authorize personnel to go to Newberry, MI to inspect the truck that is for sale. Beber supported the motion.

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

Now that the city is down to two representatives on the West Iron County Sewer Authority, we need to research the terms of the four and inquire as to which four representatives are still interested in serving on the board. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

**WICSA  
REPRESENT-  
TIVES  
FOR THE  
CITY**

Safford moved to adopt the Blight Amended Ordinance with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ADOPT  
BLIGHT ORD**

Beber moved to adopt the Purchasing Ordinance and Safford supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ADOPT  
PURCHAS-  
ING ORD.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to extend the contract with MML Insurance for Fleet and Liability for one more year, and then proceed with the bidding process.

**EXTEND  
MML  
INSURANCE  
CONTRACT  
1 YEAR**

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

Soderbloom moved to continue with Attorney Mark Tousignant services and Beber supported.

**CONTINUE  
SERVICES  
OF CITY  
ATTORNEY**

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

The Iron County Fair Board is interested in acquiring a parcel of property the city owns up in the Fairgrounds area. They presently use the property during the fair. The property is located in the Plat of County Fair Addition to the Village of Iron River Block 2, lots 14-25.

**DONATION  
OF  
PROPERTY  
TO IRON  
COUNTY  
FOR FAIR  
BOARD USE**

Safford moved to donate the above named property to Iron County (to be used by the Fair Board) and they pay all processing fees. Coates supported.

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

Fayette Daniels resigned from the Iron River Housing Commission, due to health problems and Mrs. Judy Mariani would like to take his place. Daniels term expires 10-30-01.

**ADVERTISE  
FOR  
POSITIONS  
OPEN ON  
I.R.  
HOUSING  
COMM &  
STAMBO  
HOUSING  
COM.**

Also, Bruce Flancher's term expires on the Stambaugh Housing Commission on 6-27-01, and he is interested in serving another term.

Beber moved to advertise for both positions and Safford offered support. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Mayo of Sundberg/Carlson gave an update on the Iron River Water Project. He said the contractor has signed all contracts, the City Attorney needs to review them, then the city will sign the documents. After that, Rural Development will get them for their approval.

**UPDATE ON  
I.R. WATER  
PROJECT**

Safford moved with Beber supporting to allow the City Manager and any Commissioner who wishes to attend the Regional Meeting in Escanaba June 13 – 15, 2001, be allowed to attend.

**REGIONAL  
MEETING –  
MML**

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

Coates moved with Safford supporting to purchase new city banners in conjunction with the DDA, splitting the cost in half.

**PURCHASE  
NEW CITY  
BANNERS**

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

Safford moved to purchase safety equipment from W.S. Darley for a harness and tri pod for manholes for \$2,899.95. Beber supported the motion.

**APPROVAL  
OF SAFETY  
EQUIP.**

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

Coates moved with Beber supporting to purchase a trash pump from Nortrax for \$13,632.00 to replace one that was lost in the fire.

**PURCHASE  
TRASH  
PUMP**

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

Coates moved with Beber supporting to pay BAR Enterprises for connecting sewer line at 226 Lay Ave. (Stambaugh Hill),

**BAR ENT  
BILL FOR  
SEWER LINE  
AT 226 LAY  
AVE  
(STAMBO  
HILL)**

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

## **LEGAL**

Pending legal matters, is the litigation with Iron River Township for the lawsuit that was filed in reference to the Mineral Hills land personal property.

Perlongo moved to rescind previous motion selling property in the Plat of Hanmer (May 7, 2001 meeting) to Janet Plutchak with an explanation that the City of Iron River had acquired this property previously to run a water line through it. Should the city sell this property at any time, they would have first chance at the property. Safford supported rescinding the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**RESCIND  
MOTION TO  
SELL  
PROPERTY  
TO JANET  
PLUTCHAK**

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Beber reported that the Booster Club will pay for the long jump and pole vault addition to Nelson Field

**ANYTHING  
BEING BID  
BY THE CITY  
HAVE  
WRITTEN  
SPECS TO  
GIVE TO  
BIDDERS**

Perlongo moved with Beber supporting to put out written specs on whatever type of job the city is bidding.

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

Coates moved with Perlongo supporting to move into executive session (requested by Randy Clements) to discuss employee grievance.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION-R  
CLEMENTS**

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

Meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting resumed into regular session at 7:45 p.m.

The personnel issue will be put on the agenda for a special meeting that is already scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC**  
**City Clerk**