

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001  
2:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Scott Tilford also attended the meeting. (others arrived at 2:55 p.m. as noted)

Coates moved with Beber supporting to amend the agenda and discuss the personnel issue first. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved with Beber supporting to back Manager King on her recent decision of discharging Randy Clements.

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

Mike and Denise Loia, Jim Duda, Mike Goriesky and Kristi Artwisch arrived at 2:55 p.m.

Scott Tilford of the MML Insurance addressed the skateboard ramp in regard to insurance liability. He said that insurance coverage would be lower if the walls of the ramp are only 3 feet high. Metal structure would be better than using wood, due to the maintenance.

Loia's & Mr. Duda were present with concerns they have expressed about the big groups of kids gathering near their businesses. They feel that the groups are driving business away.

Chief Goriesky said that his department can only follow the ordinances and the kids are not violating them. He went on to explain that you can't discriminate by age; kids have a right to assembly and have free movement. All of the times that Duda or Loia's have called the Police Dept. the officers responded, but they have to witness violation of the ordinance before they can act.

Mayor Soderbloom has spoke to the DDA asking about hiring a police officer to walk through the streets and patrol, but no decision was made.

Perlongo moved to proceed with building the skateboard park at Bachman Park, with Beber supporting the motion.

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

Perlongo moved to support the grant application for the skateboard park and committ to the local share; Beber supported.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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