

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2001
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

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

Tom Karvala, Cindy Barrette, Clem Remondini, Dan DeCloux, Mike Gatzow, Jerry Anderson and Ben Feldhausen, also attended.

NELSON FIELD

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There has been a difference of opinion as to who owns the concession stand at Nelson Field. The former Stambaugh Fire Dept. members built it, and now they felt the members in Caspian Gaastra Fire Dept. still retained possession.

Attorney Tousignant drafted a memo for the Board giving his opinion regarding the Nelson Field issue. He felt that the concession stand is attached to and is part of the real estate, which is currently owned by the City of Iron River.

Mayor Soderbloom felt that the building belongs to Nelson Field.

Members of the Fire Dept. were present, and they felt that because they built the building, therefore they owned it.

Perlongo said he feels the city owns the concession stand.

Tom Karvala commented that the Fire Dept. has been operating the concession stand for more than 12 years. With the money they have raised, they have purchased coloring books and crayons for the Elementary Students (during Fire Prevention Week) along with some band uniforms.

When the original Tri-City Fire Dept. disbanded, and equipment was separated, the concession stand was not listed anywhere.

Tousignant interjected that you have to try to establish what the intent of ownership of the building was. The presumption of Real Estate Law is such that, when a building is put on property, it becomes part of that property.

Manager King said that the city's insurance policy covers the concession stand.

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Coates felt the Fire Dept. deserves the building, because they have been taking care of the building for a number of years.

Perlongo then moved that the city retains the ownership of the Nelson Field concession stand, but the Caspian & Gaastra Fire Dept. can operate it on a 5 year basis, following the attorney's recommendation that a contract be drafted and provide for the holding harmless and indemnification of the city from liability; when and if city gets awarded the grant for Nelson Field, the contract will have to be reviewed and done in the proper way for future years. The motion is contingent upon the rest of the Fire Dept. approving the motion. A representative of the Caspian & Gaastra Fire Dept. will report to the council at the 8-6-01 meeting. Beber supported the motion.

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

Mayor Soderbloom then moved that the city maintains the concession stand at Nelson Field. Perlongo supported the motion.

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

TRUCK BIDS

Next, two bids were received for a new plow truck for the Public Works Dept. Schultz Equipment bid \$89,900.00 plus two different extended warranty (1,015.00 for vehicle warranty and \$765.00 for electronics warranty). U.P. Truck's bid was \$89,950.00 (for a 2002) and \$82,661.00 (for a 2000).

**PLOW
TRUCK
BIDS**

King reported that the Public Works department recommended the International truck from Schultz.

Perlongo then moved with Coates supporting to purchase the 2001 International Truck from Schultz Equipment along with both warranties that were offered.

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

Bids were also received for two pickup trucks for the Public Works Dept. Lindwalls bid for a 2002 Chevrolet HD pickup/w/plow was \$31,589.00/ea. Iron River Chrysler's bid on a 2002 Dodge Ram 2500 was \$33,525/ea.

**PICKUP
TRUCK
BIDS**

After some discussion about color, Perlongo moved to table any decision until 8-6-01 and have Manager King research the color and price: the motion was supported by Coates. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SCA-CONSOLIDATING CENTRAL & SOUTH WATER DISTRICTS

Mike Gatzow, of Sundberg/Carlson has been doing research on consolidating the central and south water districts and the board was given several scenarios' to consider. Stambaugh and Iron River have two pressure zones, while Mineral Hills is on a pressure zone, by itself.

**CONSOLI-
DATING I.R.
CENTRAL
& SOUTH
WATER
DISTRICTS**

By consolidating the systems on a short term basis like we presently are with the water project, the city should feel comfortable having to shut down one tank or another; or having to open a valve on a short term basis and the systems will still work. The systems will have adequate pressure and adequate fire protection.

Long term scenario is Stambaugh has a new tank and there is a fairly new tank in Iron River and Gatzow felt that keeping Strawberry Hill Tank long term to feed other systems is an option. Gatzow felt that an option down the road would be to eliminate the Strawberry Hill Tank and still maintain the other two tanks. Possibly the winter of 2002 or 2003 the Strawberry Hill Tank could be shut down.

Mineral Hills has to be supplied by the Hunter Rd Tank.

If the city is going to consider funding a water project for Mineral Hills, one of the hurdles it will endure is the amount of feet of pipe that will have to be installed for a small number of users. Gatzow will talk to Duane Reed of Rural Development and see what they have to offer for funding for a project.

DEQ CONSENT ORDER

Perlongo moved to accept the proposal of Sundberg/Carlson's to inventory and documentation of previously completed studies and work related to the sewage system; and conduct a preliminary investigation of the Riverside Lift Station and document all existing deficiencies and recommend improvements including telemetry to bring the Riverside Life Station into compliance with MDEQ's standard, not to exceed \$4,900.00. Beber supported the motion.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Safford Motion carried.

**DEQ
CONSENT
ORDER**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**