

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 present included Councilmen Klint Safford, Alfred Perlongo, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rosalie King, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Also attending were Virgil Thompson, Pete Korach, Geoff Sitkoski, Mark Rozine, George Treado, Bob Hagelin, Larry Harrington, Fred Saigh, Dr. Curtis Steinberg, Arthur Sackcheck, Mike Gatzow and Mr. & Mrs. David Smith.

Beber moved with Perlongo supporting to amend the agenda to include under 7 (e) include DEQ letter which was just received; under 9 (b) Attorney bill; 10 (d) Cemetery and 10 (e) Revised ACO Escrow Account. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The minutes of the regular August 20, 2001 meeting, the Stambaugh Building Authority minutes and Iron River Building Authority minutes were all approved on a motion from Coates and support from Soderbloom. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Rozine was present on behalf of soccer. He is trying to organize a youth soccer league for Kindergarten through 8th grade and is looking for old baseball/football fields to convert into soccer fields. He suggested the old Forbes Location for the K-4th grade level and the Spies Location for 5th – 8th grades. Goal posts would have to be installed, which would be the most expense.

**SOCCER
FIELDS**

After some discussion, Coates moved to donate fields suitable for the youth soccer league and have Rozine meet with Manager King and work out the details for the field/fields. Beber supported the motion.

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

Pete Korach was present and had a few concerns. He questioned again why meters are going to be put into Mineral Hills because he has been told two different scenarios; first it was they had to be installed to find out where the leaks are. Then at the last meeting he was told it was to get the loan for a water project.

**MINERAL
HILLS
WATER
METERS**

Korach said he talked to Duane Reid and was told that Mineral Hills doesn't need meters to get a loan for a water project. Korach stated that they are not opposed to the water meters, but they are opposed to being charged the extra \$3 that Iron River Central pays.

**MINERAL
HILLS
WATER
METERS**

King told Korach that no one said their bills would go up \$3. She went on to explain that as far as the meters go, the problems in the village and the consumption of water related to sewer and what kind of infiltration there was. With meters you have a handle on what people are using.

Safford interjected that he remembers the consolidation committee promising Mineral Hills residents that meters wouldn't be put in until they got a new water project. If meters are put in, they shouldn't be charged anything extra.

Other board members argued that THIS Council never made a promise as such and the consolidation committee had no business making promise that they can't keep.

Korach also asked that the board honor the former Mineral Hills Boards motion that any money that is received from Iron River Township for personal property tax, be earmarked for the sewer bond, and not be put towards a water project as was previously suggested at the last city meeting.

**PERSONAL
PROPERTY
TAX MONEY
FOR
MINERAL
HILLS FROM
I.R. TWP**

Safford said a motion was previously made to earmark the personal property tax money from the township for the Mineral Hills sewer project.

Perlongo interjected that the Iron River City Council has not made any motion, the motion had been made at a Transition Meeting.

Safford made a motion that until Mineral Hills gets a water project, they do not get charged on a meter reading, if meters are put in. There was no support to the motion.

Safford then moved that the money that we receive from Iron River Township goes toward paying off Mineral Hills sewer project. Motion died for lack of support.

Dr. Curtis Steinberg questioned noise from pickup trucks and ask that the Police Dept. start ticketing them.

**NOISE FROM
PICKUP
TRUCKS**

Larry Harrington, Chairman of the County Commissions was present asking that the council endorses the upcoming bonding issue for the courthouse.

**SUPPORT
COUNTY
BONDING
PROPOSAL**

Beber moved with Perlongo supporting that the city endorses the upcoming county bonding proposal election.

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

Beber moved with Perlongo supporting to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the Stambaugh Housing Minutes of July 10, 2001, Senator Koivisto letter, Information on fencing areas and WISCA agenda and DEQ letter. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Department reports were approved on a motion from Beber and support from Coates. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**DEPT.
REPORTS**

Coates moved with Perlongo supporting to approve the August disbursements and Attorney Mark Tousignant's monthly bill.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**DISBURSE-
MENTS &
ATTORNEY
BILL**

OLD BUSINESS

Beber moved with Coates supporting to appoint Perlongo and Soderbloom to a Flag Committee and conduct a contest for a city flag.
Roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1- Safford Motion carried.

**FLAG
COMMITTEE**

WICSA board member terms was discussed. Arthur Sacheck spoke to Attorney Tousignant regarding the terms for the existing board representatives for the city and both he and Terry Tarsi decided that Sacheck would take the term which expires in 2002 and Tarsi would take the term which expires 2003.

**WICSA REP.
TERMS**

Soderbloom then motioned to make the City Manager an alternate for the WICSA Board member with the responsibility of the regular members to call the Manager if they are unable to attend a meeting. Also to appoint Arthur Sacheck to the term that expires in 2002 and Terry Tarsi to the term that expires 2003. Coates supported the motion.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**WICSA
ALTERNATE
IS CITY MGR**

Perlongo moved with Coates supporting to set up a special meeting for September 6, 2001 at 12:30p.m., in the Legion Room to review the 11 City Manager applications and pick out 3-4 to be interviewed.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**SPECIAL
MEETING
REVIEW
MGR APPL.**

The city has not received any answer to correspondence sent to Stambaugh Cemetery Association in reference to the burial rates for Stambaugh residents.

After some discussion, Perlongo moved with Coates supporting to form a committee (Perlongo & Beber) to research expanding/developing the old Iron River City Cemetery. Also send a certified letter to the Stambaugh Cemetery Association and try to receive an answer to our concern about residential burial rates.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**EXPAND I.R.
CEMETERY**

Perlongo asked that King contact the American Legion regarding flags on graves (veterans) in Iron River Cemetery.

Correspondence was received from the DEQ in reference to the consent order and increase in sewer rates mandated by the DEQ. Manager King and Mayor Soderbloom will set a special meeting up with the representatives from the DEQ to explain their position.

**DEQ
CONSENT
ORDER**

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Perlongo supporting to approve the payment request #2 for approval by Rural Development for the Iron River Water Project.

**APPROVE
PYMT
REQUEST #2
FOR I.R.
WATER
PROJECT**

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

Gatzow gave an update on the water project.

The 33rd Annual WUPPDR meeting will be held on September 17, 2001.

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting that the regular city meeting scheduled for September 17, 2001 time be changed to 1:15 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.; also include a Public Hearing on Fair View vacating streets and alleys subdivision. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MEETING
TIME
CHANGE**

Perlongo moved to approve the Resolution for the MDOT contract for the Stambaugh Avenue Bridge. Safford supported the motion.

**APPROVE
RESOLU-
TION FOR
MDOT
CONTRACT
FOR
STAMBO
AVE.
BRIDGE**

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Soderbloom commented on residents burning garbage in town (which is a violation of the ordinance); Safford noted that the city should work with Mark Polley to get a variance and put a fence up around his business.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk