

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2001
8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom at 8:30 a.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Bob Hagelin, and William Commenator also attended.

First on the agenda was an interview for the position of City Manager with William Commenator. Mr. Commenator informed the board that he has 30 years in municipal experience. He worked for the City of Hudson, City of Richmond and Village of Constantine. He does not have a degree in Public Administration. If hired, he would like a 2 year contract and be compensated between \$50,000 - \$52,000.

**INTERVIEW
WITH WM
COMMENA-
TOR**

The board took a break at 9:07 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Coates moved with Safford supporting to extend the agreement with Don Nessen for an additional 200 days to remove the bell tower on the old Stambaugh City Hall. (as city hasn't removed the communication tower yet)

**EXTENSION
ON
REMOVAL
OF BELL
TOWER ON
STMBO CITY
HALL**

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

Soderbloom and Perlongo were appointed as the city's representatives to meet with Stambaugh Cemetery Board representatives to discuss former Stambaugh residents burial rate and possible discuss developing a Cemetery Association, on a motion from Coates with support from Beber.

**COMMITTEE
APPOINTED
TO MEET
W/STMBO
CEMETERY
BOARD**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 – Safford (doesn't want to be part of a Cemetery Association and assume the liability) Motion passed.

Coates wanted to discuss the Mineral Hills personal property money (\$29,000). He said that it was agreed at the beginning of consolidation, each entity would come into the new city with working capital for up to 90 days. Iron River Central and South did, but Iron River North did not. Both Iron River Central and South are self sustaining in the water and sewer dept., but Iron River North is not. If the city attempts a pre-application for a water project for Iron River North, it will cost \$15,000, so he felt the \$29,000 should be put towards their water.

**MINERAL
HILLS
PERSONAL
PROPERTY
MONEY**

King said that the city has to look at three issues in Iron River North. Their sewers, specifically the areas the DEQ has pointed out; their sewer debt and the problems with the water system and there is not enough money to cover their long time problems.

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Soderbloom commented that the city should look at which situation would increase their rates whether it be water or sewer, and apply the money to that.

When Attorney Tousignant was asked about the previous motion that was made by the board to ratify the Iron River Township money, as prepared by the board, Safford asked if the motion was binding.

Tousignant's answer was that it's a political decision and the board can change their mind at any time because they are not bound.

Coates then moved with Beber supporting to have the Manager and Treasurer compile figures for Iron River North so the facts can be presented at a Public Hearing.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 – Safford (Motion already passed and was ratified) Motion carried.

Some of the Councilmen discussed interviewing Candidate (A) and Soderbloom said she would reconsider Candidate (B). Mayor Soderbloom will make some phone calls to see if the candidates are still interested in the position.

**CITY
MANAGER
CANDIDATE
DISCUSSION**

Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk