

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 Pro-Tem Alfred Perlongo presiding.

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

Peter Korach, Leo Pisoni, Virgil Thompson, Bob Hagelin, Tom Mayo, Tom Karvala, Tim Peruzzi, Mr. & Mrs. David Smith and Arthur Sacheck also attended.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

With the addition of adding the Recreation meeting minutes of October 10, 2001 along with the non recommendation letter from Tarsi & Thompson under the Consent Agenda and moving part of the WIC Schools representative up to Public Comment, Beber moved to amend the agenda as outlined and Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to accept the minutes of the regular city meeting of October 1, 2001 and special meeting minutes of October 5, 2001. All were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**NELSON
FIELD
CONSIDER
WAIVING
FEE FOR
ONE MORE
YEAR**

Tim Peruzzi, Superintendent of WIC Schools told the board that the lease arrangement was favorable for Nelson Field this past year and asked that the board consider waiving the fee for Nelson Field for one more year. The school wanted to make some improvements to the field, which would have to be done next week.

**GOLDEN
BOW
PARKING &
ROOF DRAIN
PROBLEM**

Judy Smith from the Golden Bow was present again, requesting the board help her out with parking spaces during the winter for her 3 tenants. She has contacted neighboring businesses to see if she could rent some spaces, but failed.

Mrs. Smith also questioned the board relative to a letter she received about roof drains on her building. She has a plumber trying to figure out a way she can reroute her roof drains, but the cost is going to be astronomical. The board informed her that the city is being pressed by the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality to eliminate the roof drain problems throughout town, and the Ordinance will be enforced.

Leo Pisoni was present on behalf of residents in the former Mineral Hills area. He had a petition signed by 77 residents in the area requesting the city take the \$29,000 received from Iron River Township and apply it to the Mineral Hills sewer debt, and that water meters not be installed until that area is approved for a water project from Rural Development (see attached petition). He read a petition rationale out loud and asked that the board consider their requests.

**MINERAL
HILLS
\$29,000 &
WATER
METERS
PETITIONS**

King told the board that she will be meeting with Diane Rostagno at the end of the week to discuss the Mineral Hills financials.

The Consent Agenda which included the Stambaugh Housing Meeting minutes of September 11 & 27, 2001, the Iron River Housing Meeting minutes of September 11, 2001, the DDA minutes of September 17, 2001, the Transfer of Funds letter for Consolidation, Stambaugh Cemetery Association Letter, Dollar Land request for parking, Cities ranking/smoke free restaurant letter, Larry's Painting bill for RV Park building, the Recreation Committee minutes with non recommendation letter from Virgil Thompson and Terry Tarsi, was approved on a motion from Beber with support from Coates. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

The City Manager's report was discussed. Safford questioned a sentence pertaining to him recommending that the tennis courts at Bachman Park be moved to Nelson Field. He claims he never met with anyone to discuss the matter and should have been contacted before his name was written in any report. King will check her sources.

**CITY
MANAGER'S
REPORT**

OLD BUSINESS

Two Cemetery bids were received. The first one opened was from Pisoni Surveying for \$850, to be completed in 30 days upon award of the contract. Sundberg/Carlson's bid was \$1,976.00 to have work completed in 30 days upon award of the contract. King will review the two bids and then call a special meeting to award the contract.

**CEMETERY
EXPANSION
BIDS**

Beber moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure that had been drafted by the City Attorney and Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 – Safford Absent: 1 – Soderbloom. Motion passed.

**RULES OF
PROCEDURE
ADOPTED**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to appoint Joyce Gasperini to fill the vacancy of Bonnie Passamani on the Stambaugh Housing Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom Motion Passed.

**APPT JOYCE
GASPERINI
TO STMBO
HSG**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to renew the application of Judy Mariani to the Iron River Housing Commission.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

REAPPT J.
MARIANI TO
I.R. HSG
COM

Sundberg/Carlson MDEQ issues were tabled until Mike Gatzow could attend the city meeting, on a motion from Coates and support from Beber. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SCA/DEQ
ISSUES
TABLED

Tousignant previously gave the board copies of the new Articles of Incorporation for the WICSA. Some issues came up that were questionable and Beber moved with Coates supporting to collect more information and have a special meeting in conjunction with the cemetery special meeting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

ARTICLES
OF INCOR.
FOR WICSA

NEW BUSINESS

Coates moved with Perlongo supporting to approve another year to waive the \$9,500 fee for use of Nelson Field by the WIC Schools. Additional agreements that were reached at an informal meeting will be written into the contract.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

APPROVAL
TO WAIVE
\$9500 FOR
NELSON
FIELD BY
WIC
SCHOOLS
FOR AN
ADDT'L
YEAR

Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve Manager Kings attendance at the U.P. City Managers meeting in Munising, MI on October 25 & October 26, 2001.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

APPROVAL
TO ATTEND
CITY MGRS
MEETING

There was no action taken on petitions received from Iron River North residents regarding Homer Location Park.

The Municipal Employee Retirement System Benefit E program was approved on a motion from Beber and support from Safford.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

APPROVE
MERS
BENEFIT E
PROGRAM

LEGAL

Tousignant cautioned the board that if they are considering changing any parking for the Golden Bow, they may have to amend the ordinance which would be a lengthy process.

Tousignant told the board that he has made changes to the contract for selling in the concession stand at Nelson Field, but still has not received the signed contract back.

NELSON
FIELD
CONCES-
SION STAND

There were no Commissioner Comments at this time.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk