

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2002  
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 Virgil Thompson, Tom Beber, Klint Safford, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Others attending included Pete Korach, Ben Smith, Tom Mayo, Rosalie King, George Treado, Kevin Beauchamp, Dennis Pairolero and Bob Hagelin.

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Beber moved to appoint Ray Coates as Deputy Mayor and Soderbloom supported.

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

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Safford moved that the City Council for the City of Iron River shall meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. (CT) in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall. Thompson supported the motion.

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

Beber moved with Safford supporting to designate that the offices located at 106 W. Genesee St., Iron River, MI, is hereinafter designated as the City Hall of the City of Iron River. All were in favor. Motion carried

Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting that the MFC First National Bank/Wells Fargo Bank, The Miners State Bank, Edward Jones, Investment Securities and Republic Bank are designated as the bank depositors for the City of Iron River, County of Iron, State of Michigan, and that the accounts belonging to the City shall be deposited in said financial institutions from time to time in the name of the city.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting that the City of Iron River, under the combined signatures of any two (2) of the following: its Mayor, its City Manager, its City Treasurer and its City Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign all warrants against funds deposited at MFC First National Bank/Wells Fargo Bank, The Miners State Bank, Edward Jones Investment Securities and Republic Bank.

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

Safford moved with Beber supporting to postpone the first scheduled Wednesday meeting from 01-16-02 to 01-23-02. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Amendments to the agenda included under Old Business 10 (d) STS plat mapping. Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**AMEND-  
MENTS TO  
THE  
AGENDA**

The regular city meeting minutes of December 17, 2001 and the Special meeting minutes of December 28, 2001 were approved on a motion from Coates with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Beauchamp of Sunrise Ave. was present at the meeting concerned about sewage problems he is experiencing along with several neighbors that are connected to the City of Iron River main sewer line. No one seems to want to take any responsibility for repairs to the line. He lives in Stambaugh Township but is connected to the city main sewer line.

**SUNRISE  
AVE &  
DIVISION ST  
SEWER  
PROBLEMS**

Just before the meeting Clerk Shamion found a sewer agreement between Stambaugh Township and the City. The board agreed to discuss the topic at the next meeting, so the City Attorney and board members can review the agreement.

The Consent Agenda, which consisted of a School Board Recognition Month resolution, Vertech Parking Lot Project extension granted and Chart of Accounts for 12-31-01, were approved on a motion from Beber and support from Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to place on file the City Manager, Police Dept. and DPW monthly reports for December 2001. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to pay the bill from STS Consultants for engineering services in conjunction with MDEQ Consent Order, for \$3,440.00.

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

**A/P  
STS – MDEQ  
CONSENT  
ORDER BILL**

The December disbursements totaling \$286,328.40 were received and placed on file, from a motion offered by Beber with Soderbloom supporting.

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

**DECEMBER  
DISB.**

Attorney Tousignant's monthly bill of \$2,075.11 was approved for payment on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Beber moved to accept the amended Articles of Incorporation with WICSA (as Tarsi previously outlined). Coates supported the motion.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPROVE  
WICSA  
ARTICLES  
OF INCORP**

Correspondence was received on installing a power access automated door opener for the handicapped to enter City Hall. Manager Commenator said he was told that this is not a requirement of the barrier free access code.

**HANDICAP-  
PED DOORS  
INTO CITY  
HALL**

Coates then moved to table the decision for further research to determine possibly the weight of the door and have Manager Commenator check into installing a bell near the door. Beber supported the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Soderbloom appointed Beber and Safford to the Iron River Cemetery Subcommittee to proceed in the expansion of the cemetery.

**I.R.  
CEMETERY  
SUBCOMMIT  
TEE APPTMT**

Safford moved to accept the plat mapping proposal from STS Consultants for the new consolidated city, at a cost of \$17,580.00. Beber supported the motion.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVAL  
OF PLAT  
MAPPING  
FOR NEW  
CITY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to advertise lots for sale with the legal description of:IRC-A34 13-7 2 Greilings Hilltop Add. to Village of Iron River, Lots 13, 14, 15 16 & 17 Block 2 – Parcel #054-462-013-00. The minimum bid will be \$300/per lot, plus costs of transferring.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE  
PROPERTY  
ON HILLTOP**

Rick Commenator was appointed as the Zoning Administrator on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting. All in Favor. Motion carried.

**ZONING  
ADMIN.  
APPT**

Rick Commenator was also appointed as the Street Administrator on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting. All in Favor. Motion carried.

**STREET  
ADMIN.  
APPT**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve pay estimate packet #6 for the Iron River Water Project to Rural Development (materials stored on site)  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL  
PCK#6 FOR  
I.R. H2O  
PROJ**

Safford moved to allow the residents in Iron River Central who have problems with their water lines freezing, due to city's main line not being down far enough may do so now and receive an adjustment. Anyone in the new construction will not receive an adjustment. Beber supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**WATER  
RUNNING  
ADJMT FOR  
I.R.  
CENTRAL**

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants commented that most of the homes from Maple St. south and all of Strawberry Hill are all on the new line and should not have a problem with freezing lines.

Clerk Shamion said that as people call her office, they will check with Mayo to see if that residents is safe.

**ACCEPT  
RESIGNA-  
TION OF A.  
SACHECK  
TO WICSA &  
APPT R.  
COMMENA-  
TOR &  
SACHECK  
AS  
ALTERNATE**

Safford moved to accept Arthur Sacheck resignation as representative on the WICSA and appoint Rick Commenator to replace him; also appoint Arthur Sacheck as an alternate. Soderbloom supported the motion.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Councilmen Thompson commented about the excessive speed of the volunteers on the Fire Dept. going to a fire and also running stop signs. Manager Commenator will speak to the Chief of Police about the issue.

**VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPT.  
SPEEDING &  
RUNNING  
STOP SIGNS**

Most of the board commended Rosalie King for a fine job of stepping in to help the new city run smooth.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. All in favor Motion carried.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**