

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

Members present included Councilmen Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Klint Safford, Virgil Thompson, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Tom & Taylor Mayo, Bob Hagelin, Dave Reinhart, Steele & Claudia Magnet also attended the meeting.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to amend the agenda to include 9 (a) add Pearson Asbestos removal bill for Mineral Hills Garage of \$2,672.00; add under Old Business (c) Iron River Township sewer consent order (arbitration order); and under New Business 11 (b) Property abandonment for Richard Angeli on 6th Ave. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF THE
AGENDA**

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to approve the minutes of the regular city meeting held on January 7, 2002 & the special meeting minutes of January 4, 2002. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steele & Claudia Magnet were present concerned about the sewer rates increasing \$10.00 plus multiple uses may be charged more than a resident.

**CONCERNS
ABOUT
SEWER
RATE
INCREASE
DUE TO DEQ
CONSENT
ORDER**

Manager Commenator interjected that the DEQ has issued the city a consent order that says the city has to do certain things at certain times and in order to comply with this they are saying that to raise funds to get things in compliance with the sewers, we should increase the sewer rate to everyone by \$10.00/month.

Commenator stated however, that the city has not agreed to anything yet and a meeting will be taking place tomorrow (1-24-02) to discuss the issue.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the Iron River Housing Commission minutes for Dec., Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes for Dec and the County Construction Code Commission annual report was approved on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

The City Manager's report was accepted and placed on file by a motion from Beber and Soderbloom supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF A/P**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve a bill from City Sales Company for fire extinguishers totaling \$1,606.15, and an invoice from Pearson Asbestos for removal of asbestos in the Mineral Hills Garage for \$2,672.00.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commenator reminded the board that the WICSA Articles of Incorporation need to be signed by city officials.

**DIVISION ST.
& SUNRISE
AVE.
SEWERS**

Stambaugh Township (Sunrise Ave) sewers were discussed. Recently some houses in this area have been experiencing sewer backup problems. This particular area is connected to the city's sewer collection system. A sewer service agreement dated 1998 was located. After some investigation, it was discovered that the agreement was passed in conjunction with a water agreement to certain residents who live south of Division St., during a water/sewer project in that area in 1998. A few houses were provided with new laterals on Division St. into the Iron River system. He believes that the sewer agreement was focused on those few residents and not the Sunrise Ave. sewers.

A meeting was previously held with Tousignant, Manager Commenator, Stambaugh Township Supervisor Pellizzaro, Attorney Paul Hinshaw and Dennis Pairolaro, to discuss the sewer situation. Stambaugh Township asked if the city would run their sewer machine up the Sunrise Ave. line, which they did. It was also agreed by everyone at that time, that Stambaugh Township and those residents would move ahead with attempting to formulate a plan to reconstruct their entire system, acknowledging that it was probably their problem. They asked that the city come up with some figures as to what it would cost to bring their system up to specifications to where the city would continue to accept sanitary sewage into our system. Another meeting will be held with the same people once figures are obtained. The City Clerk researched the minutes and found 6-20-57 at a regular city meeting, Stambaugh Township Supervisor Petroff (at that time) asked the board for permission for a few perspective homeowners in the Maple Terrace Platt Addition (Division St. & Sunrise Ave.) be permitted to hook up their sanitary sewers to the city. The board did approve it. However, there is no mention of the city picking up the cost of repairing or maintaining their system.

Tousignant stated that Stambaugh Township will probably have to pass an ordinance which is similar to the city's sewer ordinance, if

they are going to continue to be connected to our system and do any kind of reconstruction on their sewer lines.

Safford asked that the Iron River Township Arbitration ruling be placed on the agenda for the next regular city meeting. He felt the city should start following the order so the township starts paying the city based on the flow. If the city has to put a meter in, then they should get it installed.

**IRON RIVER
TWP ARBI-
TRATION
RULING**

Manager Commenator spoke to STS Consultants and asked if a meter could be put on both ends for 30 days and get an accurate reading from the township and the city. STS felt this could be done and that there is a portable type metering system that could be hooked up, where we could get an accurate reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to purchase a 1/8 page ad in the Iron County Plat Book for \$100 and have Manager Commenator ask them to put the newly named streets and all of the new City of Iron River on a one page map, if possible.

**AD IN PLAT
BOOK**

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

A request was received from Richard Angeli to abandon a street near his property (1016 – 6th Ave.) along the Iron River.

**RICHARD
ANGELI
REQUEST-
ABANDON
STREET**

After some discussion, Coates moved with Beber supporting to deny Mr. Angeli's request for abandonment, due to the utilities on the property.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 – Thompson Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Beber asked that Manager Commenator negotiate with Waste Management, a different recycling contract and have combined recyclables once a month instead of staggering each month.

RECYCLING

LEGAL

Tousignant informed the board that a meeting will take place tomorrow (1-24-02) with DEQ officials in regard to the consent order the city was issued.

**DEQ
CONSENT
ORDER**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**