

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others attending included Bob Hagelin, Lori Baukus, Tom Mayo and Dave Reinhart.

Amendments to the agenda included the addition under Financials 9 (e) Check Register. Beber moved with Coates supporting to accept the amended agenda as stated. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**AMENDMTS  
TO AGENDA**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 23, 2002 were approved on a motion offered by Beber with Coates showing support. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

There was no public comment at this time.

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the DDA minutes of the December 17, 2001, WICSA meeting minutes of December 17, 2001 and accept the resignation of Carmen Amelio on the Board of Review. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Beber moved to accept the monthly reports of the Manager, Public Works and Police Dept. Coates supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS**

Attorney Tousignant's monthly report was discussed. There are three buildings that are not in compliance with roof drains in the city. Ben Smith's building at 126 W. Maple St., Thea Mianecki's building at 229 Cherry St. and Wercinski Brothers building at 420 Washington Ave. Wercinski's were given until 4-4-02 as they were discovered later than the rest. Tousignant wanted some direction as to whether or not the board wants him to proceed with issuing citations charging them with a violation for each day they have been in non-compliance since November 15, 2001, as stated in the letter.

**ROOF  
DRAINS**

Commenator interjected that he has been in contact with Thea Mianecki and she has submitted a copy of a building permit and order forms of materials to replace the roof at 229 Cherry St. It is Mianeck's contention that because there is no roof on the building there is no roof draining into our sewer system. The city will get their bucket truck on this site and look at the roof.

**ROOF  
DRAINS**

Coates moved to accept Attorney Tousignant's recommendation as listed above and pursue the citations. Safford supported the motion.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**FINANCIALS**

Beber moved to pay invoice #9148 to Superior Steel of \$20,000 for work completed on the addition to the Public Works Garage. Safford supported the motion.

**A/P**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.  
Other invoices submitted will be withheld until the work is completed.

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants explained that the pay request included with the water project pay estimate #7 for Alliance Construction, is for a change order on work done for additional boring completed on Hunter Road.

**APPROVAL  
OF PAY  
ESTIMATE  
#7 FOR I.R.  
WATER  
PROJECT**

Mayo went on to explain that the engineering previously paid is while going through the design process, Rural Development only reimburses 80% of the design. The city has already paid the money out of their pocket and now it is included in the reimbursement for Rural Development. He commented that this will be done periodically as the project continues.

Mayo stated that the city has requested that they have a book of sketch's that show exactly where the curb stop shut off is for every house. The second request is a book compiled of all main line water valves and finally any modifications during the project are put on an electronic file and tracked.

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve pay estimate #7 for the Water Project engineering and construction totaling \$62,319.98 and submit to Rural Development for payment.

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

**APPROVAL  
TO PAY  
ATTORNEY  
BILL**

Attorney Tousignant's monthly bill totaling \$3,678.52 was approved on a motion from Coates with Thompson supporting.

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

Safford moved with Beber supporting to accept and place on file, the disbursements for January 2002, totaling \$297,125.87.

**DISBURSE-  
MENTS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Iron River Township arbitration was briefly discussed. Manager Commenator informed the board that a meeting took place with a few representatives from the city and township. Commenator compiled a formula based on EDU's plus the length of the interceptor to the length of total sewers in the city. He will attend a township meeting on 2-14-02 and present his case.

**IRON RIVER  
TWP ARBI-  
TRATION  
RULING**

Safford then moved to table any further discussion on the township arbitration ruling until after the 2-14-02 meeting with the township. Beber supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lori Baukus, Director of the RV Park was at the meeting with recommendations for the RV Park outlined in a letter. (see attached letter) Briefly, she recommended a rate increase for all full hookups with or without cable to \$20.00. All remaining sites with water and sewer with the use of the dump station, be changed from \$11 to \$14. Also establishing a policy to include: no changing engine oil at campsites and no washing RV's on campsites, unless it is a monthly resident or charge an extra \$10 for campers who are not monthly residents. A 10% discount will be applied for the "Good Sam Club Members". The garbage dumping charge for people will be \$5.00/bag instead of \$3.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
INCREASE  
IN RV PARK  
RATES AND  
NEW  
POLICIES**

Baukus suggested getting a part time helper 3 days a week to help out with registration.

Safford moved with Beber supporting to approve increasing the fees for campsites at the RV Park as outlined in the attached letter and also establish policies as outlined. The 10% discount will also apply to "Good Sam Club Members" along with charging \$5/garbage bag. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve a fee of \$1,800 to STS Consultants to complete an analysis of current and potential sewer fees and sewer fund revenues for different rate structures being contemplated with a proposed improvements project. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE  
STS  
ANALYSIS  
OF SEWER  
USERS**

Safford moved to appoint Arthur Sackcheck to fill the vacancy of Carmen Amelio on the Board of Review. Beber supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF  
REVIEW  
VACANCY-A.  
SACHECK  
APPTMT**

**LEGAL**

Tousignant reported that with the calculation on how many gallons was saved due to rerouting of roof drains, with a 2"/per hour of rain intensity is a savings of 8,000,000/day.

**ROOF DRAIN  
GALLONS  
OF WATER  
SAVED**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Beber asked that the city remember to clean out the sediment basin in the RV Park this spring.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC**  
**City Clerk**