

**IRON RIVER CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002  
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

Arthur Sacheck, George and Diane Treado, Bob Hagelin, Vicky Ferrara, Mark Polley and Errol Maki also attended the meeting.

The Public Hearing was open to discuss the proposed Sewer Ordinance Amendments. There was no public comment on the amendments, however, Mayor Soderbloom said she would leave the meeting open in conjunction with the regular city meeting for public comment.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING  
FOR SEWER  
ORDINANCE  
AMNDMTS**

Additions to the agenda included under Reports (d) Public Works, under Financials (c) Attorney invoice, (d) accept check register. Under Old Business (e) Legal opinion regarding Mayor representing city on boards (f) Sewer Authority meeting and under New Business (c) Recommendation of Zoning Board regarding amendments to ordinance, were approved on a motion from Beber with Safford supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 17, 2002 were approved on a motion from Thompson and support from Beber. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

There were no public comments at this time.

The Consent Agenda which included the Iron River Zoning Board minutes of April 22, 2002, PSC Notice Rate increase from Wisconsin Election and Hospital Finance Authority minutes of April 25, 2002 were accepted on a motion from Beber with Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to accept the department reports and place them on file. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**DEPT  
REPORTS**

Attorney Tousignant informed the board that he has received the first draft of the Stambaugh Township sewer ordinance that is being considered for adoption. They are waiting to get their lines televised and then they will proceed.

**LEGAL  
REPORT**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to pay the final invoice of \$2,696.88 from MDOT for the Spruce St (19<sup>th</sup>) bridge.

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

**FINAL PYMT  
19<sup>TH</sup> BRIDGE  
TO MDOT**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the purchase of meters and adopters for the Sunset Manor Apartments, at a cost of \$2,600.

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

**APPROVAL  
TO  
PURCHASE  
METERS  
FOR  
SUNSET  
MANOR**

Attorney Mark Tousignant's invoice of \$1,612.80 was approved for payment on a motion offered by Safford and support from Beber.

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

**ATTORNEY  
BILL**

Soderbloom made a motion to accept the check register and place it on file. Beber supported the motion.

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

**CHECK  
REGISTER**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING  
CLOSED**

Commenator informed the board that he is trying to set up a meeting with Rural Development officials to discuss financing for a sewer project in the city and anticipated a meeting, by the end of the month.

Beber moved to adopt the sewer amendments and Safford supported.

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

**ADOPT  
SEWER  
AMENDMTS**

Upon further investigation into the acquisition of property next to 504 Cherry Street by Thad Sartorelli, it has been determined that the piece of property he has been wanting to purchase, is an alley. The board took no action.

**CHERRY ST  
PROPERTY  
NEAR THAD  
SARTORELLI**

Beber introduced the Civil Infractions Ordinance amendments. A public hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

**CIVIL  
INFRACTION  
ORD INTRO-  
DUCED**

Mayor Soderbloom wanted to point out that a legal opinion has been obtained from Plunkett & Cooney regarding the Mayor representing the city on various boards, when the city is involved in a contractual agreement with the boards. Their opinion is that the Mayor is prohibited to represent the city on those various boards, according to the Charter (Sec 2.05).

**CHARTER-  
MAYOR  
REPRESENT  
CITY ON  
BOARDS**

Terry Tarsi has been contacted and will resume his representation for the city on the WICSA.

**TARSI  
RESUME AS  
WICSA REP**

Safford was concerned about action taken at the last WICSA meeting where a condition was placed that the capacity of the sewer plant would be 4 million gallons with 1 million gallons put on reserve. His understanding is that the sewer plant has a five million gallon capacity. Safford wondered if this would hurt the city's position with the flow at the plant.

**WICSA  
FLOW  
CAPACITY**

Commenator explained that everyone needs to limit their flow gallons to 4 million per total. Iron River is the largest community and we would have to dump approximately five times what we normally do, to exceed the flow limit.

The sewer authority was under orders by the DEQ to establish flow limits. They have complied by reducing the total amount of flow. There is also some discussion about installing flow meters, in the future, should the plant have an upset, which is caused by something other than a 25 year storm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Errol Maki and Vicky Ferrara, representatives of the Chicaugon Chippewa Heritage Center, were at the meeting requesting assistance from the city to help fund a youth center for the community. They are in the process of applying for funding and need help with additional funding. They are also looking for a building to be donated or possibly a cash or land donation. The funding, should they receive it from a grant, does not allow them to buy property or construct a building; they are only allowed to rent or purchase materials for a building.

**CHICAUGON  
HERITAGE  
YOUTH  
CENTER**

They are interested in preserving their culture and heritage in the local area. They have contacted the owner's of Bigari's, but they only want to sell. LDE has also been contacted and they would rent their building for \$1,200/month with a possible lease option.

No action was taken by the board.

Next on the agenda was the reappointment of DDA Board members. Some of the terms that were expired in December 2001 were not re-appointed. There seemed to be some confusion whether this had been previously done when the new city formed. Tousignant said that you don't have to advertise for the terms. By law, the Mayor is the one to appoint the people for unexpired terms.

**DDA BOARD  
REAPPOINT-  
MENTS**

After some discussion, the board agreed to table the decision until the next meeting, to allow them time to review the issue and bylaws.

Commenator has been approached by a few people, who own property in the current business district zone. They are interested in putting an apartment in their building. If you look at the ordinance, the current business district does not allow for any residential use.

**REZONING  
BUSINESS  
DISTRICT**

Commenator brought this to the attention of the Zoning Board and borrowed the wording from another city, for an amendment to section 19 of the general business district regarding permitted uses.

With that, Coates moved to introduce the proposed zoning amendment.

**COMMENTS**

Thompson moved with Coates supporting to change the hours of city hall to 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with staggered lunch hours of ½ hour.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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