

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING – REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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 Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Klint Safford, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Bob Hagelin, Mark Polley, Joe Haydon, Joe Donati, Richard Nielsen, Glen Dobson and George and Diane Treado all attended the meeting.

Amendments to the agenda included the addition under Financials (f) Mineral Hills Garage; and under New Business (f) Disposal of Surplus Equipment. Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2002 were approved on a motion from Thompson and Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

There were no public comments at this time.

The Public Hearing on the Civil Infraction Ordinance amendments and amendment to the city Zoning Ordinance (section 19.4a) began at 6:05p.m.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING –  
CIVIL  
INFRACTION  
ORD &  
AMEND  
ZONING  
ORD.**

Richard Nielsen wanted to know when the amendments would take affect. He was told if the Commission adopts it, it will go into effect 30 days after it was published.

The public hearing will be kept open up until Old Business is discussed.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of Iron River Watershed Council minutes 4-1-02, WICSA minutes of 3-25-02 and the list of delinquent invoices to be placed on the 2002 summer tax roll. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

The Managers report was accepted and a special meeting to review the budget was set for 5-22-02 at 10:30 a.m. in the Legion Room of

the Iron River City Hall, on a motion from Beber, with Safford supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCIALS**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve a donation of \$250 to Project Graduation and \$250 to West Side Veterans, as budgeted.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PROJECT  
GRADUA-  
TION  
DONATION**

Safford moved with Beber supporting to purchase a half page ad from the MANG 107<sup>th</sup> Eng. Battalion Reunion Program book for \$30.00.

**MANG 107<sup>TH</sup>  
BATALLION  
REUNION AD**

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

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to donate \$100 to Barrels in Bloom.

**BARRELS IN  
BLOOM  
DONATION**

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

Safford moved with Soderbloom supporting to purchase an ad for \$200 with the Friends of the Heritage Trail.

**FRIENDS OF  
THE  
HERITAGE  
DONATION**

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

MIOSHA inspected the Mineral Hills Garage and found fault with the electrical system. The city received an estimate from Westphal's Inc for \$6,135.00. After some discussion, Beber moved to table any action until we get a response from the state and also have Manager Commenator get another estimate. Thompson supported the motion.

**MINERAL  
HILLS  
GARAGE  
MIOSHA  
INSPECTION  
ELECTRICAL**

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

Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to adopt the amendments to the Civil Infraction Ordinance.

**ADOPT  
AMDMTS TO  
CIVIL INFRA-  
CTION ORD**

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

Soderbloom moved with Safford supporting to adopt the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

**ADOPT  
AMDMTS TO  
ZONING ORD**

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

Re-appointment of DDA board members was done next. Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of Ed Lindwall, with a term to expire on 12-31-03.

**REAPPOINT  
DDA  
MEMBERS**

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

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of the City Manager, with a term to expire on 12-31-03.

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

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of Jim Sapletal, with a term to expire 12-31-04.

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

**DDA RE-  
APPOINT-  
MENTS**

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of Jim Gibula, with a term to expire 12-31-04.

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

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of Ralph Commenator, with a term to expire 12-31-05.

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

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of Terry Tarsi, with a term to expire 12-31-05.

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

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to confirm the appointment of Mark Saigh, with a term to expire 12-31-05.

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

Don & Bob Busakowski already have a term that will expire 12-31-02.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to sell parcel #36-055-117-001-50 (on Washington St.) to Bob Hillabrant for \$2,500. (was previously advertised – only bidder)

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

**SALE OF  
PROPERTY  
TO BOB HIL-  
LABRANT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commenator explained that the Hospital Finance Authority held a meeting earlier in the day and tabled action on the Bond Authorizing Resolution. There was some concern that the Authority can sue and be sued. Commenator investigated the issue and found out that the Iron County Hospital, Inc. is indemnifying the city and would provide any defense if we were to be named in an action. Secondly, we could be liable for Federal Securities Law violations, except that this is not a “public” sale but a negotiated private sale and doesn’t come under Federal Law. Finally, we could be liable for malfeasance or fraud, but with all the bond attorneys and financial advisors involved in these types of transactions its highly unlikely we would have this opportunity. Commenator then recommended that the council adopt Resolution 08-02 approving the issuance of bonds.

**HOSPITAL  
FINANCE  
AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTIO  
N FOR  
ISSUING  
BONDS**

Safford moved to approve the Resolution 08-02 approving the issuance of bonds for the Iron County Community Hospital. Beber supported the motion.

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

A Public Hearing for the budget was set for 5-30-02 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, on a motion offered by

Safford, with Soderbloom supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Safford moved with Soderbloom supporting to allow any Commissioner or the City manager to attend the MML Regional meeting in St. Ignace June 12 – 14, and the city pay for attendance.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVAL  
TO ATTEND  
MML  
REGIONAL  
MEETING**

A liquor license transfer of a class C license w/dance permit from Daniel and William Gravedoni to Giuliani's, Inc. was authorized on a motion from Safford with Beber supporting.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**TRANSFER  
LIQUOR  
LICENSE TO  
GIULIANI**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to allow employee Robert Dobson to purchase of additional pension service credits, based on his honorable service in the United States Coast Guard.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE R.  
DOBSON TO  
PURCHASE  
ADD'L  
CREDIT  
SERVICE FOR  
PENSION**

Safford moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve the list of equipment to sell at an upcoming auction. Manager Commenator will check on the tar machine to make sure we have one left and add the drill press (from Mineral Hills Garage) to the list of equipment to sell.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**EQUIPMENT  
TO SELL AT  
AUCTION**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Thompson asked about the ordinance on 4 wheelers within the city and about posting signs in the former Mineral Hills park (no 4 wheelers) and Nanaimo Park. Commenator will speak to the Police Dept. about understanding the ordinance on 4 wheelers.

**4 WHEELERS  
IN THE CITY**

Beber reported that there is a garage on the corner of Jefferson & Cherry (or diamond) that the city owns that is being used by a private party. Commenator will check into it.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**