

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 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 Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Klint Safford, Tom Beber, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, Attorney Mark Tousignant, City Manager Rick Commenator and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Mark Polley, Bob Hagelin, George Treado, Tom Mayo and Don Dahmer also attended the meeting.

The agenda was amended to include at the end of the meeting, pending litigation and enter into executive session, on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve the regular minutes of May 15, 2002, Special meeting minutes of May 22, 2002 and Special meeting/Public Hearing/Budget on May 30, 2002. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

There were no public comments.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to accept and place on file the Consent Agenda which included DDA Minutes of April, WICSA minutes of April, Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of April 9, 2002, Iron River Housing Commission minutes of April 9, 2002, Hospital Finance Authority minutes of May 17, 2002, Election Commission minutes of May 16 and May 30, 2002, Act 51 annual transfer to local streets, Watershed Council minutes May 6, 2002 and May 30, 2002 Financial Statement. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

REPORTS

Manager Commenator reported that the chimney has been replaced in the old Stambaugh City Hall, but the bell tower does not comply with the agreement. He will contact Don Nesson and find out his intentions.

**STAMBO
CITY HALL –
DON
NESSON**

Commenator also reported that he and Mike Gatzow met with Duane Reid in reference to a water project for Iron River North and a sewer system project for the consolidated city. Reid said he will visit the area in a few weeks and will assist in filling out an application for funding for the projects.

**DUANE REID
MEETING TO
FILL OUT
GRANT
APPLICA-
TIONS**

Safford moved to authorize Manager Commenator to proceed with the USDA application for water and sewer. Beber supported the motion.

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

Attorney Tousignant reported that the Election Commission met in reference to the reapportionment and there will be a minor change in boundaries, due to the loss of population.

Tousignant reported on Sunrise sewer problem and there is a concern about the cost to televise their sewer lines. They would like the city to use the sewer machine to clean the lines out prior to being televised. He felt if the city does proceed with doing this, it must be mentioned in the agreement that the city is not taking any responsibility in the lines nor will they be responsible if anything happens with the homes on the lines when the city does the work.

**SUNRISE
AVE. SEWER
PROBLEMS**

Commenator said the city crew could clean out the Sunrise lines, which should take less than one day.

Beber moved with Coates supporting that the city proceeds with the clean out of Sunrise Ave. sewer lines, with the stipulations as mentioned.

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

Commenator reported on the Cemetery Committee meetings and summed his opinion up stating that from a financial position, the city should stay out of the cemetery business and the city has no obligation to provide a cemetery for its residence. From a political standpoint the board must decide what they want to do.

**CEMETERY
COMMITTEE**

Mark Polley, Supervisor for the township was at the meeting and after some discussion, Coates moved with Beber supporting to ask Iron River Township for a formal proposal based on a previous discussion between the two boards, regarding the cemetery issue.

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

Beber then moved to accept and place on file, the department reports. Coates supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPART-
MENT
REPORTS**

FINANCIALS

A bill from STS Consultants for \$6,918.45 for engineering in conjunction with the Stambaugh Avenue Bridge replacement, was approved on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting.

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

**STS BILL
FOR
STAMBO
AVE.
BRIDGE**

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants was present and gave an update on the water project.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve pay estimate #8 for the Iron River Central Water project.

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

**APPROVAL
FOR PAY
EST #8 FOR
I.R. H2O
PROJ**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to pay Plunkett & Cooney \$975 for research of the City Charter in reference to the Mayor representing the city on various boards.

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

**APPROVAL
FOR
PLUNKETT &
COONEY
BILL**

Coates moved with Safford supporting to approve a payment request from MDOT for \$1,815.72 for the Stambaugh Avenue Bridge.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Commenator will check to see what the county match is on the project.

**APPROVE
PYMT TO
MDOT -
STMBO AVE.
BRIDGE**

Approval to pay Attorney Tousignant's bill of \$1,127.82 came on a motion from Coates with Beber supporting.

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

**APPROVAL
FOR
ATTORNEY
BILL**

The May bill register was accepted and placed on file on a motion by Coates while Beber supported.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Vivian Leonoff was reappointed to the Stambaugh Housing Commission for a 5 year term, on a motion from Beber with Safford supporting.

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

**REAPPOINT
V. LEONOFF
TO A 5 YEAR
TERM -
STAMBO
HOUSING**

An audit proposal was received from D.S. Rostagno to audit city books for June 30, 2002, 2003 & 2004, not to exceed \$12,500 for the total of all 3 years.

**APPROVE
DS
ROSTAGNO
TO AUDIT 3
YEARS**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to accept the audit proposal from Diane Rostagno for the years June 30, 2002 – 2004.

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

**MIOSHA
INSPECTION**

The city received an inspection of their facilities in April (primarily the Mineral Hills Garage) from MIOSHA. There was a penalty assessed on the city for \$75 for the drill press in the Mineral Hills Garage.

Additional citations were "abated" as the city took care of most of the problems immediately and some corrections must be completed by July 5, 2002.

The board agreed to pay the \$75 fine and check on the rest of the citations.

NEW BUSINESS

Safford moved with Beber supporting to advertise for the Zoning Board terms which are one year terms and the Zoning Board of Appeals which has two terms expiring on 7-1-02 for 3 years (Dale Everson and Kevin Upperson). All were in favor. Motion carried. Letters are to be sent to the present board members asking that they resubmit their application.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Thompson asked that Manager Commenator check a house on Altone St. owned by O'Brien as garbage is all over area.

Beber asked to re-sign Mineral Hills area street signs.

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation with the city attorney.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Safford moved with Coates supporting to proceed with litigation against Stambaugh Cemetery Association to recover our interest in real estate property (40 acres).
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Beber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Coates supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk