

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 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 Klint Safford, Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Torger Omdahl, Bob Hagelin, Arthur Sacheck, Tom Mayo, Mike Gatzow, Don Damer, George Treado and Mark Polley also attended the meeting.

Mayor Soderbloom gave her annual Message. (see attached)

Additions to the agenda included Public Hearing on ORV Ordinance (after approval of the agenda); after meeting the board visits Ice Lake Park; under New Business (f) restroom facilities at parks. Beber moved with Safford supporting to accept the agenda as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The Public Hearing for the ORV Ordinance opened at 6:05 p.m. There were no public comments at this time, however the hearing will remain open in conjunction with the regular city meeting.

**PUBLIC
HEARING ON
ORV ORD
AMENDMTS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arthur Sacheck questioned what the status is on the ordinance violations throughout town.

**ORDINANCE
VIOLATIONS**

Commenator responded that he has been sending notices to homeowners in violation of blight and junk in their yards, and under the current ordinance, they have a certain period of time to respond.

The Cloverland and other buildings will be posted with notices that the property is being condemned, said Commenator.

Torger Omdahl asked that the paving of Genesee St. be moved up to Public Comment. He asked the board to give serious consideration to paving Genesee St. between 4th Ave. to 9th Ave. because the appearance is substandard (looking like a zebra) to the rest of Genesee St.

**PAVING
GENESE
ST.
BECAUSE
OF APPEAR-
ANCE**

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants said the problem with Genesee St. is drainage. The street has been over laid three times already. He compiled some figures on milling the street. There is approximately 5,500 square yards from 4th to 9th. Milling would cost \$1.50 - \$2.00/per square yard and \$8,000 - \$10,000 for a milling machine. Approximately 600 tons of black top, would cost about \$19,000 - \$20,000 for asphalt.

**RE-PAVING
GENESEE ST**

Some commissioners felt that others roads in town need repairs and the concern here is just the appearance.

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of May 23, 2002, Watershed Council minutes of June 3, 2002, WICSA minutes of May 28, 2002, Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing minutes of June 20, 2002 and Recreation Board minutes of July 1, 2002. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
CONSENT
ORDER**

Commenator reviewed his monthly report. The DPW and Police reports were also reviewed.

Attorney Tousignant reported that MICHCON has filed an amendment to their complaint to include last year, regarding the tax appeals. He will meet with the City Assessor to review correspondence.

**MICHCON
TAX APPEAL**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to accept the department reports as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Safford moved with Coates supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for the Stambaugh Bridge, of \$11,255.17.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
TO PAY STS-
STMBO
BRIDGE**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for the final plat mapping bill of \$1,237.55.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
TO PAY STS
FOR FINAL
PLAT
MAPPING**

Estimate #9 in regard to the water project was approved for payment on a motion from Safford with Beber supporting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF PAY
ESTIMATE
#9 FOR H2O
PROJECT**

Attorney Mark Tousignant's bill of \$2,259.53 was approved for payment on a motion offered by Safford and Beber supporting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
ATTORNEY
BILL**

The Public Hearing on the ORV Ordinance amendments was closed at 6:58 p.m.

**CLOSE
PUBLIC
HEARING ON
ORV ORD.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Soderbloom moved to reappoint Robert Hagelin to the Zoning/Planning Board and Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**REAPPOINT-
MENTS TO
ZONING/PLA
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BOARD**

Soderbloom moved to reappoint George Heath to the Zoning/Planning Board and Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Soderbloom moved to reappoint Arthur Sacheck to the Zoning/Planning Board and Thompson supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved to reappoint Mayor Soderbloom to the Planning/Zoning Board and Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Krist Atanasoff has declined membership to the Planning/Zoning due to work commitments.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to reappoint Dale Everson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**REAPPOINT-
MENTS TO
ZONING
BOARD OF
APPEALS**

Kevin Upperstrom was re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term, on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board received a proposal from Iron River Township in reference to the city's participation in the Rest Haven Cemetery. After some discussion, the board agreed to grant permission to the city's Cemetery Authority (Safford & Beber) to meet with Attorney Tousignant to review any legal ramifications if the city agrees to the townships proposal for the cemetery. They will also meet with Iron River Township officials to discuss the proposed agreement.

**IRON RIVER
TWP
CEMETERY
PROPOSAL**

There was also some discussion about holding a public hearing on the cemetery issue.

Beber moved to adopt the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance and Safford supported.

**ORV
AMENDED
ORD.
ADOPTED**

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

NEW BUSINESS

Safford moved to designate Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom as a delegate for the MML Convention and authorize any Commissioner, Clerk or Manager to attend the MML Convention in Dearborn. Beber supported the motion.

**DESIGNATE
DELEGATE
FOR MML
CONVEN-
TION**

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

Safford moved with Beber supporting to purchase two new lawn tractors from Jerry's Small Engine for \$26,338.00.

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

**APPROVAL
TO
PURCHASE
LAWN
TRACTORS**

The city has received a request from an individual to purchase a "key to the city " for their children. After some discussion, the board agreed that by selling or giving the key away, would belittle the honor of receiving a key. Manager Commenator will respond to the request and explain the reasoning behind it.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to advertise property located on a corner lot on the east side of N. Eighth St. on W. Lincoln, with a minimum bid of \$1,750 plus the expense of recording the deed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
TO
ADVERTISE
PROPERTY
8TH ST. &
LINCOLN**

Property on Kofmehl Road, know as the Barris 40 has sparked some interest among residents. Lot 4 has a house on it but lots 5,6,8,and 9 are in question. There is no sewer, but there is water.

**BARRIS 40
PROPERTY-
APPROVAL
TO SELL
LOTS 5 & 6**

After some discussion, Safford moved to sell lots 5 & 6 individually with a reverter-claus (they must build a house within two years). The proceeds would be put into an escrow account to develop the inner lots. (they must comply with the residential zoning). Coates supported the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Safford was concerned about complaints he is getting regarding restrooms at the parks not being opened. Manager Commenator will investigate and report on the parks, as to who opens them, who cleans them and who locks them up.

**CLEANING
REST-
ROOMS IN
PARKS**

Thompson moved and Beber supported to adjourn the meeting from the Legion Room and the Commission will take a tour out to the Ice Lake Park. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**