

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Ray Coates, Virgil Thompson, Klint Safford, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Tom Mayo, Arthur Sacheck, Jennifer Lowden, Greg Hansen, Bob Hagelin, Willard Crowgey and Mr. & Mrs. George Treado also attended the meeting.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the amended agenda to include additions under New Business (b) elevator inspection and (c) liquor license approval. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Thompson moved with Coates supporting to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting/Public Hearing of August 21, 2002 and the Special meeting minutes of August 28, 2002. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Lowden was at the meeting hoping the board would considering helping to defray the cost of installing a waterline to her property located off of Homer Road in the "lost 40" (she plans on building a new house).

**JENNIFER
LOWDER
WATER LINE
INSTALLA-
TION**

The city wants to install 6" pipe, but the cost would be extremely high to do this. Ms. Lowden suggested possibly installing 1" copper tubing and have BAR Enterprises do the work and the city help with the cost.

Commenator explained that there are two houses located in the front of this property and Lowden's property is in the back. She is acquiring 1.45 acres from her father and plans on building a house at the back of the property, due to low terrain towards the front. The water project does not plan on extending water mains back in that area and Rural Development will not allow us to extend mains to service undeveloped property. If the city were to do the line it would be a 6" main to service one house, which would not be cost effective

for us. The distance would be approximately 300 feet to get to Lowden's property and another 250 feet to get to her house. They felt that a 1" line would not give her proper water pressure. Also according to the ordinance, copper line would have to be used and not plastic.

**JENNIFER
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INSTALLA-
TION**

After some discussion, Safford moved that the city install the water service as they normally would and the property owners install the rest. Soderbloom supported the motion.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the DDA Minutes of July 15, 2002, WICSA Minutes of July 29, 2002 and the WICSA monthly report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

REPORTS

Thompson asked that the council be given copies of costs of the project (with Jim Bond) by the river. Commenator will disburse them as soon as they are available.

Thompson also asked Commenator to check the edge of Homer Road washing out. He also asked who the police officer is in charge of inspecting the former Mineral Hills area.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to accept and file the department reports. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**DEPT.
REPORTS**

FINANCIALS

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants reported that over 50,000 lineal feet of water main has been installed. Approximately 480 homes/businesses have been transferred onto the new lines. The paving is about one week behind. Mayo reported that they reduced the amount of materials stored on site that the contractor owes the city significantly. This amount was decreased by \$130,000 with this pay estimate.

**I.R. WATER
PROJECT
UPDATE &
APPROVAL
OF
ESTIMATE
#11**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve pay estimate #11 for the water project.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve an invoice from STS Consultants for \$2,171.25 for the North District Water Project application.

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

**STS
CONSULTAN
TS BILL FOR
MH WATER
PROJ. APPLI**

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Commenator asked STS Consultants to come up with

a cost estimate for the repair of a section of the main interceptor sewer downstream from 4th St. STS Consultants feel the cost would be approximately \$20,340.

**4TH ST.
INTERCEPT
OR REPAIRS**

Beber moved to have Manager Commenator seek bids on the repair of a portion of the 4th St. interceptor line. Thompson supported the motion.

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

Mayor Soderbloom noted that she would like to see what other municipality's plans are to repair their I&I, through WICSA.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to delay consideration of selling lots in the Minckler Addition until a plan is developed for utilities into the property.

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

**APPROVAL
TO DELAY
SELLING
PROPERTY
IN
MINCKLER
ADD**

Manager Commenator informed the board that he has asked STS Consultants to give a cost estimate to develop a water rate structure based on meter and meter size and eliminating the "user" based system that is in place presently.

**APPROVAL
TO
PROCEED
WITH
COST
ESTIMATE
FOR RATE
STRUCTURE
FOR WATER
RATES**

Beber then moved to have STS Consultants come up with a water rate study analysis, not to exceed \$2,200 for billing water in the city. Coates supported the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Safford moved with Beber supporting to allow the Public Works Dept. of purchase plow blades from H&L Mesabi of Negaunee for a cost of \$1,180.00 plus delivery. (25 – 8" & 10 – 6" blades)

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

**PURCHASE
PLOW
BLADES**

Safford noted that the retaining wall on Stambaugh Hill is buckling and is concerned about snowplow blades hitting the wall this winter. Manager Commenator expressed that DPW Foreman Dick Anderson has this on his list of things to do and hopefully it will be done by winter.

**STAMBO
HILL
RETAINING
WALL
REPAIRS**

Commenator informed that board that while the elevator company was on a routine maintenance inspection for the city, they informed him that the city is due for their 3 year load test. The price would be \$1,050.00.

**3 YEAR
ELEVATOR
LOAD TEST
APPROVED**

Safford moved with Beber supporting to proceed with the 3 year load test.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve a one day liquor license for the Iron Range Trail Club for September 25, 2002.

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

**LIQUOR
LICENSE
FOR IRON
RANGE
TRAIL CLUB**

Beber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with Soderbloom supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk