

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Craig Tarsi, Dan Stolberg, Bob Hagelin, Mike Gatzow and George Treado also attended the meeting.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to amend the agenda to include under New Business (c) City Streets; Old Business (c) Recreation Board recommendation and (d) Caspian, Gaastra, and Stambaugh Township Cemetery Association. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 4, 2002 were approved on a motion from Thompson and Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Tarsi was at a previous meeting concerned about the rate structure for city water. He wasn't at the last meeting but read in the paper that the city was looking into installing new meters and billing that way. He also questioned if the city was going to be meeting first to review the rate structure as outlined in the ordinance.

**CRAIG
TARSI -
WATER
RATE
STRUCTURE**

Mayor Soderbloom explained that the city has hired STS Consultants to do a rate study first and then they will be meeting to discuss the rate structure.

One method of billing being considered is by meter size. (there are various meter sizes already installed in the city)

Tarsi had questioned the "user" term in the ordinance and wanted to know the definition of it.

Mike Gatzow of STS Consultants said that by the first part of October, he would have some figures available for the board to review.

Attorney Mark Tousignant stated that perhaps the “user” definition isn’t the best way to bill. Because of the meter size, should the city decide to bill that way, there is a potential to use more water due to larger pipes coming into a building.

Manager Commenator has notified Rural Development that the city is going to be reviewing the current rate structure.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the Iron River Watershed minutes of August 5, 2002; DDA minutes of August 19, 2002; Iron River Housing Commission minutes of August 13, 2002 and the Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of August 13, 2002, was approved on a motion offered by Beber with Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to accept and file the manager’s report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MANAGER’S
REPORT**

There were no financials at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Originally, when Mike Gatzow of STS Consultants reviewed the video tape of the interceptor line on 4th Ave., he didn’t have the actual tv logs to review the distance between manholes 19 & 20.

**4TH ST.
INTERCEPT
OR
REPLACEME
NT (NEAR
SENIOR
CENTER)
APPROVAL
FOR
INCREASE
IN FOOTAGE
TO BE
REPAIRED**

Gatzow has notified Manager Commenator that the distance between manholes 19 and 20 is greater than originally anticipated, in conjunction with the interceptor line on 4th Ave. The revised cost estimate to replace the full length of the pipe manhole 19 to 20 is now \$36,315.00 instead of \$20,340.00. (total of feet between manholes is 333 feet and not the original 95 as was stated)

After a short discussion, Beber moved with Coates supporting to authorize the replacement of 333 feet of the interceptor sewer line on 4th Ave.

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

Attorney Tousignant recommended that when the pipe is exposed, it be video taped, so it can be shown to the WICSA as evidence of improvements the city is making.

**ZONING
BOARD
APPOINT-
MENT-J.
TARSI**

Coates moved with Beber supporting, to appoint Jody Tarsi to the Zoning Board/Planning to fill the unexpired term of Arthur Sacheck.

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

Bernard St. Germain was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Arthur Sacheck on The Zoning Board of Appeals, on a motion from Beber with Thompson supporting.

**APPT B. ST.
GERMAIN TO
ZONING
BOARD OF
APPEALS**

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

Coates asked if bids have been let for repairs to the tennis courts. Manager Commenator answered that they haven't yet, but the bids are still scheduled to be let this year and a portion of the repairs will be completed this year. A report will be given at the 2nd meeting in October on the tennis courts.

**TENNIS
COURT
REPAIRS**

The Stambaugh Cemetery Association was discussed next. Coates wanted to know if the city was still going to stand by the law suite that was previously filed against the Association.

**STAMBO
CEMETERY
ASSOC.**

Manager Commenator thought the Association was going to be meeting this week to review the city's request. The Council still agreed to hold the law suite in abeyance.

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Safford supporting to authorize Manager Commenator to sign the agreement with U.P. Engineering & Architects, for the Apple Blossom Trail.

**APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL**

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

Manager Commenator received correspondence from Joan Hall who is interested in purchasing lots 5 & 6, Block 4 of the Riverside Addition, to build a house when she retires.

**ADVERTISE
PROPERTY
IN
RIVERSIDE
ADDITION**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to advertise for bids the property located in the Riverside Addition, Block 4, lots 5 and 6 with a 3 year reverter and a minimum bid of \$1,677, plus costs and fees.

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

Coates asked when the street sweeper is going to be out and Thompson wondered when it will be up in Iron River North. Manager Commenator said that he would speak to the Foreman.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk