

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Ray Coates, at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

Members present included Councilmen Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Klint Safford and Mayor Pro-tem Ray Coates, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. Soderbloom absent.

Others attending included Tom Mayo, John Archicosky, Ron Frailing, Bill & Carol Olson, Marianne Zeller, George Treado, Geoff Sitkoski, Debi Strelecki and Bob Hagelin.

Additions to the agenda included under New Business (c) MERS Resolution and (d) Election Board pay for training. Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve the additions to the agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2002 and special meeting minutes of October 23, 2002. Safford supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Olson was present on behalf of the UP Rodeo Committee requesting corporate sponsorship of \$2,000 for advertising. The fee includes a banner in the rodeo arena or on a shoot gate or signage on an arena banner; name announced throughout the rodeo; name in all printed advertising including television, radio, web site; 10 general admission rodeo tickets and 10 chuck wagon breakfast tickets.

**DONATION
FOR
SPONSORSH
IP FOR
RODEO**

Thompson moved with Safford supporting to approve the promotion of \$2,000 for the UP Rodeo.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried. (this will be paid by Jan 1, 2003)

Debi Strelecki from Waste Management was present to discuss curbside pick up year round. Waste Management is purchasing a new truck, which is much larger which will be difficult to maneuver in the alley, along with the trucks being heavier. They would like to begin December 1, 2002 with the curbside pick up. Business dumpsters would remain as is. Waste Management would be responsible for contacting the residence and making them aware of the change.

**WASTE
MANAGE-
MENT-
CURBSIDE
PICKUP**

Safford moved with Beber supporting to approve going from alley pick up to curb side pickup beginning December 1, 2002.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

There was some discussion on recycling. Problems occurring with the recycling, is people are dumping other garbage (roofing & remodeling material) which is filling up the bins. Recycling products is only amounting to about 500 lbs.

**WASTE
MANGMNT
RECYCLING**

The recycling bin has been collecting newspaper, #1 & 2 plastics, glass and tin.

Manager Commenator said he could get with the newspaper for a news item and possible run a quarterly ad of when the pick up is and what is acceptable.

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of DDA minutes of Sept. 16, Election Commission minutes of October 15, 2002, WICSA minutes of September 30, 2002: Monthly I & I Reports and Iron River Building Authority minutes of October 30, 2002. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Monthly reports from the Public Works Dept., Police Dept. and Manager (nothing to report) were accepted on a motion from Beber with Safford supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

FINANCIALS

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants updated the board on the progress of the project. Approximately 70% of the project is complete. Of the 900 residents that have to be hooked up, 640 have already been completed.

**I.R. WATER
PROJECT
UPDATE**

Safford and Thompson had concerns about the construction crew continuing work through November and into December. They didn't want the roads torn up, if they aren't going to be blacktopped before winter.

Mayo explained that if the road gets dug up, the construction crew is going to be leaving a loader, load of gravel and a contact person to fill in the holes in the roads so they can settle over the winter.

Coates moved to allow the construction project to proceed and do as much as they can. Beber supported the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: 2 – Beber & Coates Nays: 2 – Safford & Thompson.

**SHUT H2O
PROJECT
DOWN**

Commenator commented that because there was no majority, the city would have to shut the construction down for this year.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve pay estimate #13 for the Iron River Water Project.

**APPROVE
PAY EST#13**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

**APPROVE
W/S RATE
STUDY**

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for invoice #236132 – water/sewer rate study for \$2,200.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

**APPROVE
PYMT FOR
INTERCEPT
OR COST
ESTIMAGE
(DESIGN &
PERMITS)**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for invoice #236153 for \$2,900.00 for interceptor cost estimate (sewer design and permits).

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

**APPROVE
PYMT FOR
NORTH
DISTRICT
WATER
APPLCTN**

STS Consultants invoice #236154 for \$2,383.75 for the North District water application to Rural Development was approved for payment on a motion offered by Beber and Safford supporting.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

**APPROVE
PYMT OF
AUDIT**

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve the 2001-2002 audit fee of \$12,902.50 to DS Rostagno, CPA.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

**APPROVE
LEGAL FEES**

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve legal fees for October 2002 to Mark Tousignant for \$2,193.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

**APPROVE
OCT
DISBURSE-
MENTS – NO
MORE SAM'S
MEMBER-
SHIP**

October disbursements were discussed. There was a concern regarding membership to Sam's Club for city employees.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to accept and file the October disbursements and the Chart of Accounts; Also there will be no more membership payments from the city to Sam's Club for employees in the future.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

**APPROVE
TO
PURCHASE
SPEED
MONITOR
TRAILER**

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to purchase a Ver-Mac SP-710 Speed Trailer with statistics package for \$6,500.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

**CITY
BILLBOARD
SIGN**

Advertising on city billboard was briefly discussed. Commenator told the board that he us unaware of any specific guidelines for renting the billboard sign to interested parties.

Safford's recollection of the billboard sign is that it's on a first come first serve basis and people are charged a certain amount for the size of the sign.

**CITY
BILLBOARD
SIGN**

Tousignant said the city should establish a resolution/policy for the billboard. Commenator will check into the going rate and report back at the next meeting.

The Recreation Committee met in regard to the Nelson Field Grant and is recommending the city accept the grant.

**ACCEPT
NELSON
FIELD
GRANT**

After some discussion, Beber moved with Thompson supporting to accept the Nelson Field Grant.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

Coates gave an update on the Skateboard Park. The kids have raised almost \$8,000. Gail Day from the Chamber is going to take a couple of the kids on the committee to Marquette and help them work on a grant. There will be a meeting 11-7-02 at City Hall and a fundraiser will be held in the auditorium. He reported that the kids determined that they would like the Skateboard Park at Bachman Park.

**SKATE-
BOARD
PARK
UPDATE**

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Safford supporting to vote yes to change the by laws of the Michigan Municipal League Insurance contract Amendment.

**MML
INSURANCE
BYLAWS
AMENDMT**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

Safford moved with Beber supporting to approve STS Consultants proposal to proceed with the grant application to Rural Development for a sewer grant which would include repairs to the interceptor and also include the 9 item summary list that was presented to the board earlier.

**APPROVAL
FOR STS TO
PROCEED
WITH
SEWER
GRANT
APPL**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

Safford moved with Beber supporting to adopt a resolution from MERS for a cost of living raise for retirees.

**APPROVE
MERS
RESOLTN-
COST OF
LIVING
RAISE**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

Coates has been approached by some members of the election board and asked about getting paid for training. At one time they would get paid for attending the certification training, but they don't receive any compensation now. The Manager and Clerk will check into it.

**ELECTION
BOARD
TRAINING**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Thompson asked how much money is left in the recreation fund. Commenator informed him that approximately \$50,000 is left in capital projects for the tennis courts.

**RECREA-
TION FUND**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Stambaugh Cemetery Association.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION-
CEMETERY
ASSOCIAT.**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned out of regular session and into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 7:52 p.m.

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to proceed to attempt to dismiss the lawsuit against the Stambaugh Cemetery Association and adjoining municipalities under the condition that the counter claim filed against the city be dismissed.

**DROP
LAWSUIT
WITH
STMBO
CEMETERY
ASSOCIA.**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

Thompson moved to reject offer #1 dated 10-30-02 from the Stambaugh Cemetery Association . Beber supported the motion.

**REJECT
OFFER
FROM
STMBO
CEMETERY
ASSOC.**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion carried.

The board felt that if they do it for one, they have to do it for both cemetery boards.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to get an opinion from the Attorney General regarding the “death benefit policy”.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom
Motion passed.

Beber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**