

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 resided.

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

Kris Hughes, Linzi Saigh, Karla VanWagner, Dave Reinhart, Rosalie King and Tom Mayo also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included a donation to the Skateboard Park, which will be presented after the approval of the minutes. Also, remove under Old Business (b) water/sewer rate study. With that Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on November 6, 2002 were approved on a motion from Thompson with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

A presentation took place from Kris Hughes who donated \$5,000 to the Skateboard Park project in memory of his son, Kris who was recently killed in an automobile accident.

**SKATEBRD
PARK
DONATION-
KRIS
HUGHES**

Linzi Saigh who is spearheading the project on behalf of the kids accepted the check and thanked Mr. Hughes.

Rosalie King reported that Schinella Mottes is donating \$2,000 worth of material (concrete/gravel). Wayne Wales also donated \$2,000 worth of inkind labor.

Safford moved that the city donate the originally promised \$10,000, as long as the skateboard park is built at Bachman Park, and proceed to order the equipment. Thompson supported the motion.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MOTION TO
PROCEED
WITH
SKATEBRD
PARK & CITY
DONATE
\$10,000**

There were no public comments at this time.

A motion to accept and file the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the Stambaugh Housing Minutes of 10-08-02, was offered by Beber with Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA**

The City Manager's report was reviewed.

Michigan Municipal League has sent correspondence regarding the budget crisis at the state, and is requesting that the city contacts their State Representative and State Senator and ask them to consider not taking the money away from municipalities from revenue sharing to balance their budget.

**MML FAX
ALERT**

After a brief discussion, the board decided to change the commission meetings in January from the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, due to New Year's Day falling on the 1st.

**CHANGE
NIGHTS OF
MEETINGS
IN JANUARY**

Manager Commenator informed the board that according to his contract he is to have an evaluation done and he would ask that this be done in executive session. Forms will be distributed to the council for them to fill out and then review them with the Manager in executive session at the December 18, 2002 meeting.

**CITY
MANAGER
EVALUA-
TION DATE
SET**

There were no financials listed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Coates asked that the subject of curbside pickup for garbage be put back on the agenda. Since the last meeting when the board approved to go to curbside pickup beginning December 1, 2002, he has been receiving calls complaining about the hilly terrain up on Strawberry Hill and having to carry the bags up the hills. Another issue is putting the bags out at the curb and during the winter months when plows are out, they will damage the garbage cans or rip the bags on the curb.

**CURBSIDE
PICKUP FOR
GARBAGE**

Coates also was concerned about these new big trucks from Waste Management going through the alleys in the business district and tearing them up. He felt the city should revisit the issue with the personnel at Waste Management and voice the concerns.

Manager Commenator said he would set up a meeting with Deb Strelecki from Waste Management and go out and review these areas of concern.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to amend the contract with Alliance Steel Construction Company, which would allow an extension for the water project to 8-30-03.

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

(due to a large list of contingencies over and above what they have done and are in the process of doing)

**APPROVE
EXTENSION
FOR WATER
PROJECT TO
8-30-03**

Tom Mayo gave a brief update on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved to accept the resignation from Bob Hagelin for the Zoning/Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Thompson supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ACCEPT
RESIGNA-
TION OF
BOB
HAGELIN
FROM
ZONING
BOARD &
ZONING
BOARD OF
APPEALS

Manager Commenator explained that there is an pending issue with the Zoning Board of Appeals which was tabled until all five board members are present. The legislation allows for an alternate member to be appointed by the city council to serve in case a regular member of the Zoning Board has a conflict of interest on a question that is presented. It was also the Manager's interpretation that a vacant position would also be able to have an alternate appointed.

Commenator spoke to Jody Tarsi asking him to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, which he has accepted.

Beber moved with Safford supporting to appoint Jody Tarsi as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT
JODY TARS
AS
ALTERNATE
FOR ZBA

Beber moved with Safford supporting to authorize Manager Commenator to advertise the vacancy on the Zoning Board/Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the one position on the DDA whose member does not want to seek the appointment (which will expire 12-31-02). All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE
FOR ZB/ZBA
AND DDA
VACANCIES

Commenator will also prepare a resolution commending Bob Hagelin for his years of service.

Lot 13 of the Chalet Subdivision will be advertised with a minimum price of \$5,000 plus deed preparation and filing fees along with a reverter clause that a house must be constructed within two years, on a motion from Beber and Safford supporting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

APPROVAL
TO
ADVERTISE
PROPERTY
CHALET
SUBDIVN
LOT 13

Westphal's license agreement was dropped from the agenda because they were unable to make the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Attorney Tousignant gave the board correspondence, which he received from MML regarding the Cable Television Franchise.

APPROVAL
FOR
ATTORNEY
TO NEGOTI-
ATE WITH
CABLE
CARRIER
FOR
FRANCHISE
RENEWAL
Beber
moved with

Soderbloom moved with Coates supporting to allow the City Attorney to enter into negotiations with the cable carrier for the franchise renewal, and see what their plans are.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Thompson supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk