

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2003  
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, Ray Coates, Virgil Thompson, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. (Tom Beber was absent – vacation)

Others in attendance were Dan & Joanne Stachowicz, Dave & Sue Kososki & son, Urban Guilliani, Ann Jane Carlson, Rosalie King and several students from the Government class at the High School.

Additions to the agenda included under New Business (a) Parker property on Hilltop. Thompson moved with Safford supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

The minutes of the regular city meeting held on December 18, 2002, were approved by a motion from Coates and Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ann Jane Carlson was present with a concern about a traffic hazard near her home on Ice Lake Road. There is one tree that is in the right-of-way (in her neighbors yard) and is obstructing vision when backing out of her driveway that she was asking that the city trim a few branches off of it. She has offered to trim the branches for the neighbor, but the neighbor was not agreeable to this.

**ANN JANE  
CARLSON  
COMPLAINT  
REGARDING  
TREE  
BRANCHES  
ON ICE  
LAKE ROAD**

Thompson and Soderbloom both had viewed the area and agreed that a potential danger exists.

After some discussion, Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to have the City Manager, Chief of Police and DPW Foreman meet and inspect the complaint by Ms. Carlson on Ice Lake Road. Also find out if the tree is in the city right-of-way and if so, have the city trim the branches.

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

The department reports for December 2002 were accepted on a motion from Coates and Thompson offering support. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPART-  
MENT  
REPORTS  
ACCEPTED**

Commenator gave the board a preliminary engineering energy study of City Hall and if the board is interested, Commenator would ask a representative to attend the next meeting.

There was some question as to whether the city had this done when renovations took place a few years ago. The Manager and Clerk will check into the issue.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the WICSA minutes of 11-25-02, Iron River Housing Commission minutes of 11-21-02 and the Watershed Council minutes of 12-2-02 were all approved on a motion from Thompson with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

## **FINANCIALS**

From the advice of the City Attorney, the board tabled any decision on the BAR Enterprises, Inc. invoice #1978.

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to pay the legal fees of \$2,131.76 for December 2002.

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

**APPROVAL  
OF LEGAL  
FEES**

The December check register was accepted and placed on file by a motion from Coates and Safford supporting.

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

**DEC. CHECK  
REGISTER  
APPROVED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Safford moved with Soderbloom supporting to appoint Diane Treado to the Board of Review (replace George Treado). All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPOINT  
DIANE  
TREADO TO  
BOARD OF  
REVIEW**

Soderbloom moved to appoint Bob Busakowski to the DDA for a 4 year term. Thompson supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPOINT  
BOB BUSA-  
KOSKI TO  
DDA**

George Brunswick was appointed to the Iron River Housing Commission for a 5 year term, by a motion from Safford with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**GEORGE  
BRUNSWICK  
TO I.R. HSG  
COMM**

Harding Avenue zoning violation was discussed next. In error, Manager Commenator granted permission for a resident to place a mobile home on his property, for use as a storage building. The property owner has been contacted and provided a copy of the Zoning Ordinance; he has also requested to be given until April to remove the trailer.

**HARDING  
AVE ZONING  
ORDINANCE  
VIOLATION**

Safford moved with Coates supporting to have Attorney Tousignant draft a "Letter of Understanding" outlining the details and stating that he will have until April to remove the trailer.

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

Commenator handed out a comparison list of those areas in town that have larger than a 1" meter and the effect the proposed meter based billing would have on their monthly billing. (see attached list)

Safford moved with Soderbloom supporting to proceed with amending the ordinance to reflect the rate changes.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Thompson alerted the board to the fact that a trailer has been placed at a residence at 900 – 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., and it appears that someone is living in it. Manager Commenator will check into the situation.

It was also reported that there may be a possible caved in roof on a former school building and water would be infiltrating our system. Manager Commenator will check into it.

Soderbloom moved with Safford supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk

**HARDING  
AVE.  
LETTER OF  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
ZONING  
VIOLATION**

**METER  
BASED  
BILLING  
RATES  
APPROVED**