

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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 Virgil Thompson, Klint Safford, Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

George Treado and Rosalie King also attended the meeting.

Amendments to the agenda included adding under Reports (b) Legal and under New Business (b) Attending Legislative Conference in Lansing in March. Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2003 and the Public Hearing minutes of February 10, 2003, were approved by a motion from Thompson and Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the DDA minutes of 1-6-03, Watershed Council project report, Thank you from the UP Rodeo Board, Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of 1-14-03 and a Proclamation by Parenting Awareness Month were all accepted by a motion from Thompson and Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Manager's report was reviewed.

The board was given a copy of a letter that was written to the Stambaugh Township residents from the WICSA, regarding their sewer situation. There is no ordinance covering their actions and if the issue doesn't get resolved, the WICSA will discontinue their service into the plant.

Previously, the former Mineral Hills granted a warranty deed to Dennis Powell for a house, which he couldn't get clear title to. The city received a letter from Powell's attorney and the city is being asked to clear up the title or purchase the property at market value.

**APPROVAL
OF
AGENDA**

MINUTES

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**STAMBO
TWP
SEWER
ISSUE &
WICSA
LETTER**

**DENNIS
POWELL
PROPERTY
IN
MINERAL
HILLS**

Tousignant explained that he has been unsuccessful in his search for one of the parties, to clear up the title.

Councilmen Safford said that his wife has had good luck in locating people and could try to locate the party. Safford would get the name from Tousignant after the meeting.

**DPW BLDG
UNDISCHAR
GED
MORTGAGE
PROBLEM**

Tousignant informed the board that the DPW Building (former Stambaugh DPW) has an undischarged mortgage on the property. The property was given to the former City of Stambaugh by National Steel Corp. At that time, National Steel Corp. had given the City Bank Farmers Trust Company a mortgage on property all over the country. The deed they gave to the City of Stambaugh was a gift deed and there is language in the deed that should have addressed the issue. Tousignant felt it does address the issue, however it does not satisfy the title company.

In September 2001, Tousignant wrote a letter to City Bank Farmers Trust Company and they never addressed the issue. He felt he should push the issue now, because this could present a problem in the future.

Soderbloom moved to authorize Tousignant to write to Manufacturer's Handovers and threaten them with something other than just giving us a discharge. Beber supported the motion.

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

Tousignant will report back at the next meeting.

**CROSS
CONNEC-
TION
PROGRAM**

Michigan Dept. of Water Quality are saying that we must implement a cross connection inspection procedure in the city. Letters that will be sent out are two fold: one is to notify people that we want to make an inspection as required by the state and second, we define that there is a problem and allow them time to correct the problem.

Tousignant explained that cross connections allows water to go back into the system, if there is a reduction of pressure. A check valve has to be inspected every 5 years. Commercial buildings would mostly be affected by this.

FINANCIALS

Safford moved with Beber supporting to pay invoice of \$6,189.28 from UP Engineers & Architects, for design and construction service for the Apple Blossom Trail Enhancement Project. (this will be reimbursed by the Watershed Council)

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

**APPROVAL
FOR DESIGN
&
CONSTRUCT
ION FOR
APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL
PROJECT**

OLD BUSINESS

STS Consultants has submitted a proposal for the design and construction engineering, for the proposed reconstruction of River Ave and Allen Streets, to the old city limits. MDOT will pay for 80% of the construction cost with the city paying 20% match and the cost of engineering. The project has already been approved by the Regional Task Force and programmed for the 2003 construction season. Design is not to exceed \$9,910, construction not to exceed \$16,100 – estimated total cost \$213,500.

**RIVER AVE &
ALLEN ST
RECONSTRU
CTION
PROJECT
APPROVED**

Safford moved with Beber supporting to approve the proposal for the city’s share of construction costs and the engineering for the River and Allen Street project.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Commenator informed the board that Dale Safford, High School Librarian has transferred our cemetery records to a website, which would be accessible to other genealogists seeking family history. She has presented us with a binder, which lists the burials both by section and alphabetically. It also contains alphabetical birth and death lists that have been in our files. Also included, is a computer disk with all the information was also submitted.

**RECOGNI-
TION TO
DALE
SAFFORD**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to present Dale Safford with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Safford moved with Coates supporting to authorize Mayor Soderbloom to attend the MML Legislative conference in Lansing in March.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Beber told the board that the Booster Club wrote out a check to STS Consultants to do a study on behalf of the Friends of Nelson Field for improvements to Nelson Field.

**NELSON
FIELD**

Coates asked to know what it costs to heat the empty buildings that the city owns and are unoccupied. (Mineral Hills Chalet, Mineral Hills garages, Stambaugh City Hall and old Iron River DPW building)

Thompson asked about a 5 year capitol improvement plan meeting. Commenator told him that it is being worked on with the budget.

**5 YEAR
CAPITOL
PLAN**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**