

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 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 include Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Klint Safford, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Mike Gatzow, Tom Mayo, George Treado, Dave Reinhardt, Dale Safford and Arthur Sacheck also attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Thompson moved with Coates supporting to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2003 were approved as presented, on a motion by Coates with Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

High School Librarian, Dale Safford, was presented with Certificate of Commendation for your efforts in compiling a binder of alphabetical and numerical birth and death records in the city. Safford is also assisting other units of government with their records.

**PRESENTATI
ON TO DALE
SAFFORD-
BIRTH &
DEATH
RECORDS**

CONSENT AGENDA

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to accept and file the Consent Agenda which consisted of: WICSA minutes of January 17, 2003, Iron River Housing Commission minutes of 1-14-03, Watershed Council minutes of 2-10-03, Planning/Zoning Board minutes of 1-30-03 and the February check register. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

The Police, Public Works and Manager's reports were all accepted by a motion from Thompson and Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Attorney Tousignant informed the board that he has prepared easements for the Erosion Control Project; City Planning Commission has started meeting; meetings have taken place in relation to water and sewer rates and obtaining a user system along

**LEGAL
UPDATE**

with
defining the
definition of
users.

Documentation will be presented at the next meeting.

**TV
ORDINANCE**

A draft of the new TV Ordinance was presented to the Iron River Cable Company and they are in agreement with it. Tousignant will negotiate with Stambaugh and Caspian as they want to split the cost of publishing with Iron River Cable TV.

**DENNIS
POWELL
PROPERTY
IN MINERAL
HILLS**

In regard to the Dennis Powell property which was purchased in Mineral Hills before consolidation, the city will either buy the property back at market value or clean up the title.

After some discussion, Safford moved to authorize a law suit for quiet title. Coates supported the motion.

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

FINANCIALS

**STS INVOICE
FOR
NELSON
FIELD**

Safford moved with Thompson supporting, to approve payment to STS Consultants for invoice #241113 on Nelson Field.

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

**STS INVOICE
FOR SEWER
APPLICA-
TION**

Thompson moved to approve payment to STS Consultants for invoice #241104 for sewer application, and Coates supported the motion.

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

**STS INVOICE
FOR
EROSION
PROJECT**

STS Consultants invoice #241118 (Erosion Projects) was approved for payment from a motion offered by Safford and Coates supporting.

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

**APPROVAL
OF PAY EST
#15 FOR I.R.
WATER
PROJECT**

Pay estimate #15 for Iron River Water Project was approved on a motion from Safford with Soderbloom offering support.

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

LEGAL FEES

Legal fees for the month of February were approved for payment on a motion from Thompson and Coates supporting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

**ENERGY
COSTS FOR
EMPTY
BUILDINGS**

Energy costs were presented to the board of city buildings that were vacant. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to hold off on any action, until the new city garage is completed.

Safford moved with Coates supporting to approve a liquor license for Wildlife Unlimited of Iron County. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR
LICENSE
APPROVAL**

Manager Commenator told the board that the 5th Ave. Bridge is on the Critical Bridge Program and has been funded. Previously a telephone survey was done but then the project stopped. It was suggested to put a walking bridge over the river. Manager Commenator will conduct a survey with the residents of that area.

**5TH AVE.
BRIDGE**

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Gas Station would like to install underground water monitoring wells in various places throughout town. One would be in the parking lot behind City Hall.

**HOLIDAY
GAS
STATION
UNDERGRD
WATER
MONITOR-
ING WELLS**

Attorney Tousignant has a concern with the agreement. He would like to have a sentence deleted and add in that the city will be held harmless. He said he would not recommend signing the agreement, but he has no problem with the well being there, but the city shouldn't be responsible for anything.

Safford then moved with Coates supporting to relocate the monitoring well in the parking lot behind city hall and also add in the agreement that the city will be held harmless.

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

Safford moved with Coates supporting to have Michigan Employee Retirement System do an actuary and make all retirees the same.

**MERS
RETIREEES**

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

Manager Commenator informed the board that a party is interested in purchasing the old Franklin St. City Garage.

**OBTAIN
VALUE ON
FRANLIN ST.
GARAGE TO
SELL**

Thompson moved with Soderbloom supporting to have the City Assessor come up with a value for the property.

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

There was some discussion on a 5 year capital program. The board agreed that the Mineral Hills water & sewer should be on list, along with all city roads. Commenator will get department heads lists then get list from council for a 5 year capital program plan.

**CAPITAL
PROGRAM**

Thompson moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**