

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 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 Klint Safford, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Tom Karvala, Tim Peruzzi, Arthur Sacheck, Bernard St. Germain, Kris Hughes, George & Diane Treado, and Jeff Ball also attended the meeting.

Amendments to the agenda included under Consent Agenda adding (e) Check register; Financials (d) Legal fees and move 10 (a) Nelson Field up after Public Comment. Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

The Minutes of the previous regular meeting held on March 19, 2003 were approved and placed on file by a motion from Thompson and Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Arthur Sacheck asked if the city would approve (weather permitting) the city crew and prisoners working up the ground between the temperature clock (near Americinn) on U.S. 2 and the new U.S. 2 bridge. (for planting of flowers)

Manager Commenator will check into the request.

The Nelson Field contract with the school representatives was discussed next. Tim Peruzzi and Tom Karvala were at the meeting and thanked the board for working with the school so effectively in the past. The board received a ledger sheet from the school of all expenditures they have had for Nelson Field which totaled \$6,761,20 for 2002. This did not include any labor or a mower purchased (\$3,495) along with new sod (\$18,000) and 1/3 payment (\$3,000) for a new sprinkler system.

**NELSON  
FIELD  
CONTRACT  
WAIVED FOR  
3 YEARS  
WITH  
SCHOOL**

Their hope was that the city would once again waive the \$9,500 rental fee for Nelson Field and also possibly agree to a 3-5 year contract for budgetary purposes.

After some discussion, Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the Nelson Field contract with the WICPS and waive the \$9,500 fee for a three year period along with inserting under #8 all watering of field is their responsibility along with the water bill.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

**NELSON  
FIELD  
CONTRACT  
APPROVAL**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to accept and place on file items in the Consent Agenda which included DDA Minutes of 2-17-03; Recreation Board minutes of 2-13-03, WICSA minutes of 2-24-03; Invitation to Courthouse groundbreaking on 4-24-03 and the check register for the month of March 2003. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

## **REPORTS**

Manager Commenator reported that the party that was interested in the old city garage is no longer interested and therefore, it will be scheduled for demolition.

**DEMOLITION  
OF OLD CITY  
GARAGE**

Commenator announced that the Water Ordinance amendment published in the newspaper has a misprint under the Readiness To Serve: Southern fee should be \$22.50 instead of \$21.00.

**WATER ORD  
AMNDMT  
CORRECT-  
ION**

A letter was read aloud from the WICFD commending the city crew on an efficient job repairing a water leak at the entrance to the Fire Hall. (see attached)

**WICFD  
LETTER TO  
DPW**

The City Manager evaluation will take place at the next regular meeting and the board agreed that no forms would be used this time.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to accept and file all department reports. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**DEPRMT  
REPORTS**

## **FINANCIAL**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve an invoice from STS Consultants for \$1,751.25 for 2003 bridge inspections.

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

All bridge inspections are now on one schedule and will be done again in 2005.

**APPROVAL  
FOR STS  
INVOICE-  
BRIDGE  
INSPECT-  
IONS**

An invoice from Mike's Crane Service, for thawing out water mains in the city for \$2,520.00, was approved by a motion from Coates and Beber supporting.

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

**MIKE'S  
CRANE  
INVOICE-  
THAW H2O**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve repairs to the S-10 Chevy pickup truck from Lindwall Motors for \$1,719.95.

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

**LINDWALL  
REPAIRS TO  
S-10**

Legal fees for the month of March 2003 for \$1,393.11 were approved for payment on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF LEGAL  
FEES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

The intersection of M-189 and U.S. 2 was discussed next. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has discussed the possible improvements to the intersection with County EDC Director Mark Agnessi, and asked him to provide assistance in facilitating a plan to get the intersection widened. The board did show interest in the improvements to the corner, so the DDA will proceed.

**M-189 & U.S.  
2  
INTERSECTI  
ON**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board agreed that the web-site for the city needed some updating and Commenator will see that this gets done.

**CITY  
WEB-SITE**

Manager Commenator has received interest from a resident regarding purchasing property in the Hilltop subdivision. The State of Michigan owns 1/48<sup>th</sup> of the lot in question and the city can purchase that interest, by application and payment of \$300. The city can also purchase up to 5 parcels under the \$300 application fee, which would purchase the states fractional interest in five lots in this same subdivision.

**ACQUIRE  
PROPERTY  
IN HILLTOP  
FROM  
STATE FOR  
\$300**

City Assessor, Jeff Sabotta has put a value of \$500 on the lot, as there is no sewer. The city can sell the lot for a minimum bid of \$500.

Coates then moved to proceed with the application to purchase the lots from the state and acquire the property. Safford supported the motion.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

There was some discussion regarding the Waste Management contract and when it expires. Thompson moved with Coates supporting to have Commenator contact GAD and see if they are interested in serving the city. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**WASTE  
MANAGEME  
NT  
CONTRACT-  
CONTACT  
GAD**

George Treado representative for the County Board informed the council that there will be a "salute to the soldiers" on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. outside of the Courthouse (weather permitting) or else in the Circuit Court Room, and everyone is invited.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**