

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 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 Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Virgil Thompson, Klint Safford, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Ben & Diane Smith, Jan Huizing, Bernard St. Germain, Tom Mayo, Mike Gatzow, Arthur Sacheck, George Treado and Rick Peterson.

Additions to the agenda included under Reports (d) Legal; under Financials (e) STS invoice for 7th Street engineering bill, (f) STS invoice for engineering on River/Allen St.; Under Old Business add (e) Purchase Skateboard Park Equipment.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

With that, Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to approve the regular minutes of the April 16, 2003 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

Fire Chief Alfred Perlongo could not attend the meeting to accept a resolution on behalf of the West Iron County Fire Dept. for their placement in the Firemen's Tournament this past summer. Perlongo will pick the plaque up at City Hall in the morning.

**COMMENDA-
TION TO WIC
FIRE DEPT
FOR AWARDS**

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Soderbloom opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment about the Vertech Project. The city had a Public Works project through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, to make some enhancements at the Vertech property, which included lighting, storm sewer upgrade, replacement of curbing and parking lot improvements which all served the Vertech Company.

**PUBLIC
HEARING ON
VERTECH
PROJECT**

Jan Huizing commented that it is a positive effect to the community as well as to Vertech.

Mayor Soderbloom said the hearing will be kept opened in conjunction with the regular city meeting and then adjourned before New Business.

There were no public comments at this time.

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve and place on file the Consent Agenda which consisted of: DDA Minutes of 3-24-03, WICSA minutes of 3-31-03, Watershed Council minutes of 4-7-03, Planning/Zoning Board minutes of 3-20-03, WIC Fire Dept. minutes of 1-20-03 & quarterly report, Election Commission minutes of 5-1-03 and the April Check Register. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

REPORTS

Thompson moved with Coates supporting to establish a deadline date of 9-1-03 for residents to relocate or establish new water lines in conjunction with the Iron River Central Water Project.

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

**DEADLINE TO
RELOCATE
OR
ESTABLISH
WATER LINES
FOR WATER
PROJECT**

Attorney Tousignant reported that he has been reviewing the erosion control problem out at the Family Dollar Store and finds out that there was not a problem with erosion in that area until the hill was excavated. Tousignant is drafting a letter and asking the two people responsible for the excavation to contribute to engineering fees, due to the city sewer being exposed.

**EROSION
CONTROL AT
FAMILY
DOLLAR**

Tousignant also reported that the Election Commission Committee is working on redistricting for the city precincts.

**REDISTRICT-
ING**

Coates asked if anything has been resolved regarding clear title to the DPW Garage property (in the former Stambaugh). Tousignant feels the property is clear. He gave a brief synopsis for his reasons and is waiting to hear from the Title Company after their review.

**CLEAR TITLE
TO DPW
GARAGE**

Beber moved with Safford supporting to accept and place on file, all department reports. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPT.
REPORTS**

FINANCIALS

Beber moved with Safford supporting to approve a budget transfer of \$32,000 from major street fund to local street fund.

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

**APPROVE
BUDGET
TRANSFER**

STS Consultants invoice for \$3,086.08 for the sewer infrastructure improvements, was approved by a motion from Beber with Coates supporting.

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

**APPROVE STS
INVOICE FOR
SEWER
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Tom Mayo of STS Consultants gave a brief update of the water project. He stated that during the winter months we experienced several water problems; most of which was on the old water mains and some on the new. There is a plan in place where areas have been identified which experienced problems and will be dug up to see if the lines are in compliance or depth issue. It will be at the

**UPDATE ON
WATER
PROJECT**

contractor's expense to become in compliance.

Mayo went on to explain that with the pay estimate packet #16 the money will go into the city account and pay all outstanding accounts to subcontractors, supplies and vendors. Alliance Construction will provide a list of all accounts.

**APPROVAL
OF PAY
ESTIMATE
FOR WATER
PROJECT**

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to approve pay estimate #16 for the Iron River Water Project.

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

Attorney fees for Mark Tousignant of \$1,562.00, were approved by a motion from Coates with Safford supporting.

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

**APPROVE
ATTORNEY
FEES**

An invoice of \$3,196.54 from STS Consultants for engineering services regarding the 7th Ave. Reconstruction was approved on a motion offered by Beber and Safford supporting.

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

**APPROVE
INVOICE FOR
7TH AVE.
RECONSTRU-
CTION**

Thompson moved with Coates supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for design engineering services on River Ave/Allen Street for \$1,752.75.

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

**APPROVE
PYMENT FOR
INVOICE FOR
DESIGN
ENGINEER
SERVICES**

Safford asked what STS Consultants was doing with the inspection as far as completion of the water project. Tom Mayo explained that one person is dedicated to the project at all times. They also try to have a second person part-time. Safford asked if there was someone at the project all the time and following the specs. Mayo said, "Yes, as much as we can; but there is some bouncing around to help out various crews on the project".

Safford wanted to make sure that inspectors are not working for any subcontractors.

**INSPECTION
OF WATER
PROJECT**

OLD BUSINESS

Previously the city has committed to provide a 25% match in either cash or in-kind service for storm drain mitigation projects. To date, the small projects originally proposed would not accomplish the desired result. Commenator has budgeted \$21,000 from the major street fund.

**DRAIN
MITIGATION
PROJECT
(RV PARK)**

Coates moved with Safford supporting to follow the Manager's recommendation and give \$21,000 in cash for the storm drain mitigation projects.

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

**APPROVAL
TO USE
CATEGORY D
FUNDS -7TH
AVE. BRIDGE**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Category D Funds for the reconstruction of

the 7th Ave. Bridge and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign all documents.

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

Manager Commenator explained that the original contract for the 7th Ave. Reconstruction Project with STS Consultants was for design engineering and did not cover construction engineering. The city is responsible for the design and construction engineering and 20% of the project cost.

**7TH AVE.
RECONSTRUC
-TION
PROJECT**

The construction engineering amendment is for \$34,069 and an additional \$6,000 for the additional design work associated with Franklin Street. Beber moved to approve the amended engineering and construction costs associated with the 7th Ave. Reconstruction Costs. Safford supported the motion.

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

Beber moved with Safford supporting not to contribute to the MML Foundation request.

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

Beber moved to approve the purchase of skateboard park equipment plus an additional 10% to enclose the sides and \$1,000 for construction supervision (2 days) for a total of \$14,175. Thompson supported the motion. (The kids raised \$11, 327.00 to date)

**APPROVAL
TO ORDER
SKATEBOARD
PARK EQUIP-
MENT**

A fence will also have to be purchased to keep the bicycles out and for safety.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Smith owns property in the Iron River South area and has a prospect interested in purchasing the 4.95 acres to build a house. They wish to access the property through the east end of Amber Street. According to the original plant (June 4, 1926) there are no streets or alleys in the property.

**BEN SMITH
REQUEST TO
ABANDON
PORTION OF
AMBER ST.**

Smith had been informed by Manager Commenator that Amber Street extends east from its present end. He wondered whether or not the city has any intentions on extending Amber Street, and if not would they consider abandonment of the street right of way.

Manager Commenator said that if the new owners of the property wanted to use that extension of Amber Street for access to their driveway, arrangements would have to be made with them to allow the city to dump snow off of the rest of Amber Street to the south of their property.

After some discussion, Attorney Tousignant said that research should be done to see if the city has acquired any easements for the property for the water and sewer lines.

The Public Hearing on Vertech is now adjourned. (6:55 p.m.)

Beber moved to authorize Ameritech to work on the telemetry system. Thompson supported the motion.

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

Safford moved with Beber supporting to approve to purchase a swage machine to do sewer hose repairs for the sewer machine for \$1,017.32 from Jack Doheny Supply.

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

**PUBLIC
HEARING
ADJOURNED**

**AMERITECH
TO WORK ON
TELEMETRY**

**PURCHASE
SWAGE
MACHINE**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There will be a sign dedication in the parking lot across from the Iron County Museum for the Apple Blossom Trail on June 7, 2003 – time will be announced at a later date.

Jan Huizing thanked the city for all their participation in cleaning up the river.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk