

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003
5:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Deputy Mayor Ray Coates presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present included Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. (Klint Safford arrived at 5:45 p.m. and Soderbloom was absent)

Louis Willis, George Brunswick, Eugene Pellizzaro, Ben & Diane Smith, Bernie St. Germain, Kevin Beauchamp and Al Reitmeyer also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under Old Business (c) U.P. Engineers bill for Apple Blossom Trail; under New Business (c) Dr. Han's sidewalk request and (d) West Side Veteran request for parade donation.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Beber moved to approve the amended agenda and Thompson supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 7, 2003 and the Budget Workshop of May 5, 2003, were approved on a motion from Thompson with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

There were no public comments at this time.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of 5-8-03, Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of 5-15-03, Election Commission minutes of 5-12-03 and the Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of 4-8-03, were approved by a motion from Beber and Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

The Election Commission presented to the board a proposed redistricting of the city's voting precincts, based on the results of the 2000 census. The new map and descriptions of the precincts attempt to equalize the populations of each district. Per Charter requirements, the Election Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on these changes for 1:00 p.m. on July 2, 2003. Notice of this hearing will be published twice prior to the hearing. The map and descriptions will be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.

**ELECTION
COM.
PRESENTED
REDISTRICT-
ING TO
COUNCIL**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the manager's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S
REPORT**

U.P. Engineering invoice #2300931 for the Apple Blossom was approved for payment of \$1,229.70, by a motion from Beber and Thompson supporting.

**APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL
INVOICE**

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for an invoice of \$1,292.75 for the River/Allen St. design.

**RIVER/ALLE
N ST.
DESIGN BILL**

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion passed unaniously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Supervisor and residents of Stambaugh Township were at the meeting and wanted to know what is required by the city to accept the sewer lines of Stambaugh Township into our system.

**SUNRISE
AVE SEWER
DISCUSSION**

Stambaugh Township did get their sewer lines televised and have video tapes for the city to review. Eugene Pellizzaro commented that he feels the main line is in good shape, but has questions about the joints being in bad shape.

Manager Commenator stated that the city doesn't have any of the reports or the videos that were taken of the area.

After some discussion, Coates moved with Beber supporting to table any decision on the Sunrise Ave sewers, until all relevant information is obtained and Manager Commenator will set up a committee and then contact Eugene Pellizzaro to set up a meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.

Ben Smith was once again asking the board if they would abandon a portion of Amber Street. On the property that he is trying to sell, he noted that there are city manholes and water lines running through it.

**BEN SMITHS
REQUEST
TO
ABANDON A
PORTION OF
AMBER ST.**

Attorney Tousignant felt that the city should determine where the utility lines run in relationship to the road/land.

Coates then asked that Commenator, Tousignant and Dick Anderson meet and decide what would be the best feasible way for the city to proceed with the request.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to table further discussion until a report is received at the first meeting in June.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.

Beber then moved to introduce Ordinance #A-2003 the Iron River Cable Franchise Ordinance.

**INTRODUCE
ORD #A-2003**

Due to the title work on the Hunter Road tank and the problems associated with the contractor and subcontractors regarding payment and performance bond issues, Beber moved with Thompson supporting to amend the legal agreement of the water project increasing the legal service from \$10,000 to \$16,500.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion passed.
The city gets reimbursed for the charges.

**AUTHORIZE
AMNDMT TO
LEGAL
AGREEMENT
FOR WATER
PROJECT**

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to authorize the use of TIF funds to obtain property from 3-Point Development to widen the M-189 intersection at U.S. 2.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion passed.

**APPROVE
TIF FUNDS
TO OBTAIN
THE OLD
JEANS
FLORAL TO
WIDEN M189
INTERSECTI
ON AT U.S. 2**

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to decline to sign the documentation that would provide additional and future payments to Payne & Dolan for the water project.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.

**DECLINE
ADDT'L &
FUTURE
PYMTS TO
PAYNE &
DOLAN**

Stambaugh Housing Commission has advertised for the position for an expired term and only one application was received. Joyce Gasperini was the only applicant.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to reappoint Joyce Gasperini to the Stambaugh Housing Commission for a 5 year term.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion passed.

**STAMBO
HSG APPMT**

A letter has been received from Dr. Robert Han asking the city to share in the cost of replacing broken sidewalks along his parking lot on Washington Ave.

(Safford arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

The DDA has a program by which they share in the cost up to a certain amount, but Dr. Han is not in the DDA District.

After some discussion, Thompson moved to table any further discussion until the city comes up with a policy for repair/replacing sidewalks outside of the DDA District. Beber supported the Motion.

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

**DR. ROBERT
HAN
REQUEST
TO SHARE
IN REPLACE
ING HIS
SIDEWALKS**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to authorize a donation to the West Side Veterans Council for upcoming parades, to pay the same as in the past.

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

**WEST SIDE
VETERANS
DONATION
FOR
PARADES**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Beber was concerned about kids climbing up on the ticket booth at Nelson Field and asked that a sign be posted on a nearby pole.

Attorney Tousignant pointed out that the Dept. of Public Works kept a map of water lines that froze in town during the winter and affixed stickers in problem areas. They are working with the construction crew to correct these areas and will have a full report at the next meeting.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk