

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003
2:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

Members present included Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Klint Safford, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

George Treado, Arthur Sacheck, Dick Anderson, Jeff Bal, Adam Steinbrecher and Mike Gatzow, all attended the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session and discuss cost estimates for a sanitary sewer improvement project, for submission to Rural Development. The estimated cost is \$6.5 million dollars and the scope of the project would entail replacing 42,000 lineal feet of sewer line. STS Consultants compiled a sheet showing the breakdown of various grant/loan scenarios (see attached). Mike Gatzow told the board that the city is required to do this because of the DEQ Consent Order, which has to be done by 2007 (due to problems with the I & I). They must also reduce flow in its sewer collection system so that all three lift stations can pump peak flows during a 25 year storm event with one pump out of service, by 11-1-07. Secondly, the city must meet the flow requirements established by the WICSA.

Gatzow said that “loan only funds” through Rural Development are readily accessible and the city could borrow a portion of money, do some work, and then go back and repeat the same process.

Commenator commented that his recommendation to the board would be to submit the application to Rural Development for funding. The city isn’t obligated to accept their offer and could down size the project if necessary.

Dick Anderson stated that the major part of the construction project will be along the river where the water table is high.

Councilmen Thompson questioned the lagoon in Virgil Location. Gatzow said that when the wastewater leaves the property, it violates the DEQ regulations. He also said that the flow coming to the system is greater than the design capacity, which is another violation of DEQ. The consent order is a rain water issue.

Soderbloom moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Coates supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk