

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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.

There was a moment of silence in memory of Councilmen Klint W. Safford.

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

Bernie St. Germain, Craig Tarsi, Frank Guzowski, Alfred Perlongo, Jan Huizing, George Treado, Geno Fiorazo, Roger Zanon and Mark Gasperini also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under Consent Agenda (c) Rodeo Committee thank you letter; and under Old Business (b) Water Project.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the amended agenda as outlined. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

The regular minutes of 8-6-03 meeting and the special work session minutes of 7-30-03 were accepted as written, from a motion by Thompson with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resolution was presented to Fire Chief Alfred Perlongo on behalf of the WIC Fire Dept., for their excellent performance at the Fireman's Tournament held in July 2003.

**WICFD
RESOLU-
TION**

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the Iron River Housing Commission minutes of 7-8-03, Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of 7-8-03, Stambaugh Housing Commission Organization meeting of 7-8-03 and a thank you letter from the Rodeo Committee, were accepted and placed on file, by a motion from Coates and Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

The City Manager's report was reviewed. Terry Tarsi's term on the WICSA Board expired in June and an advertisement will be posted for any interested person to fill the position.

Thompson asked Commenator to inspect the corner of Sturgeon & 6th St. where the street drain is, the curbing is within a foot and somebody put some white cardboard substance there, so there is no curbing on either side of the drain.

**INTERSE-
CTION AT
6TH &
STURGEON**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to accept the Manager's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
MGR'S
REPORT**

FINANCIALS

U.P. Engineers & Architects bill of \$1,125.75 for Apple Blossom Trail was approved for payment on a motion offered by Beber with Thompson supporting.

**APPROVE
UP ENGI-
NEERS BILL
FOR APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

James A. Spicer, Inc. invoice of \$1,488.20 for emergency sewer repair on 6th St. replacement of 43 feet of 8" sanitary sewer was approved for payment, on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting.

**JAMES
SPICER
INVOICE 43'
OF SEWER
REPAIR
WORK**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

STS Consultants submitted an invoice for \$1,828.75 for engineering on Nelson Field Project. The board questioned what the bill was for because the project was put on hold. Commenator will check into the status of the bills and report at the next meeting.

Beber then moved to approve payment to STS Consultants for invoice #246411 for \$1,828.75. The motion was supported by Mayor Soderbloom.

**APPROVE
INVOICE
FOR
NELSON
FIELD**

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 – Thompson Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

At the last meeting, a change in sewer billing took effect (in which the council was not aware of), when the definition of "user" was changed. Multiple users were charged from one full sewer minimum and multiples of the sewer debt. Under the new definition, they were charged a multiple of the full sewer minimum.

**SEWER
RATES**

Coates moved to confirm the intent to charge multiples of the sewer debt and not the full sewer minimum and credit those accounts affected by it. Soderbloom supported the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Coates had concerns about who is responsible when there is a problem with the water project. He was told that the city doesn't have any control over subcontractors for the project.

**CONCERNS
REGARDING
WATER
PROJECT**

Commenator noted that the prime contractor would have control over the subcontractors and the engineer would have control over the prime contractor.

Some board members are upset with the progress of the restoration work and were concerned about it being completed.

I.R. WATER PROJECT

Commenator said the pavers are in town for the next 4 days. He commented that we probably need another 6 days after that to finish everything in town. He also noted that the city still holds \$250,000 in reserve, we have the bond. Ultimately we have \$600,000 we are holding and can use it to finish the project.

Coates also had concerns that there was no curbing on E. Hemlock St. and wondered how they can pave without curbing.

Attorney Tousignant suggested compiling a punch list and have it available in the office for the public.

Coates asked Commenator to check the situation out on 5th St. (west of city garage). Contractor equipment is parked in middle of road along with a pile of gravel.

NEW BUSINESS

PURCHASE SNOW PLOW BLADES

Beber moved to purchase snow plow blades for \$2,101.50 from H&B Mesibi of Negaunee, MI. Coates supported the motion.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Due to the recent untimely death of Klint W. Safford there is a vacancy on the board. According to the Charter, the board could appoint someone to fill the vacancy within 30 days, or hold a special election. Because Roger Zanon has show interest in filing a petition for the upcoming election in November, Commenator felt it would be a logical choice to fill the vacancy.

APPOINT ROGER ZANON TO FILL VACANCY OF KLINT SAFFORD

With that, Coates moved with Thompson supporting to appoint Roger Zanon as Interim City Councilmen to fill the unexpired term of Klint W. Safford (12-31-03).
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Councilmen Thompson read a resolution in memory of Councilmen Klint W. Safford. Thompson moved with Beber supporting to adopt the resolution for Klint W. Safford. All were in favor. Motion carried.
The formal resolution will be presented to Klint W. Safford's family.

Thompson asked why the City Manager's evaluation wasn't on the agenda as previously requested. Mayor Soderbloom said that at the last meeting there wasn't a full board so they didn't discuss the evaluation, and now they still don't have a full board.

CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

Beber asked that a reminder be put into the local paper regarding recycling and what is acceptable.

Coates was concerned about concrete and weeds at the corner of 4th and Lincoln Ave. and 4th and Sturgeon. Commenator will check the situation.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk