

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Ray Coates at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present included Councilmen Tom Beber, Roger Zanon, Virgil Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Coates, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom absent (city business-convention in Detroit)

Bernard St. Germain, Arthur Sacheck, Jan Huizing, Luke, Sam and Dale Safford, and Bill Hager also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under the Consent Agenda (d) DDA Minutes of 8-25-03 and Election Commission minutes of 8-26-03; under Old Business (a) Appointment to WICSA; under New Business (e) Police Dept. computer.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the amended agenda.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 2003 were approved on a motion from Thompson with Beber supporting.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

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

There was no public comment at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Coates presented a resolution to former Councilmen Klint Safford's family.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of Watershed Minutes of 8-4-03, Iron River Housing Commission minutes of 8-12-03, Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of 8-1-03 & 8-13-03, DDA minutes of 8-25-03 and Election Commission minutes of 8-26-03 were all approved on a motion from Thompson with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

FINANCIALS

MDOT invoice of \$16,497.78 for the 7th Ave. Reconstruction Project was approved from a motion by Beber and Thompson adding support.

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

**7TH AVE.
RECONSTR-
UCTION
PROJ
INVOICE**

UP Engineers & Architects bill for engineering services on the Apple Blossom Trail of \$330.21 was approved for payment on a motion from Beber with Thompson supporting.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Soderbloom

**APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL
INVOICE**

OLD BUSINESS

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to reappoint Terry Tarsi to be the city representative on the WICSA Board for another term.

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

**REAPPOINT
TERRY
TARSI TO
WICSA**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to reappoint Arthur Sackcheck as alternate representative to the WICSA with a term to expire the same as Terry Tarsi.

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

**REAPPOINT
ARTHUR
SACHECK
TO WICSA-
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TIVE**

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve a liquor license for the Iron Range Trail Club for the 25th Annual Duck’s Unlimited Banquet.

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

**APPROVE
LIQUOR
LICENSE
FOR DU
BANQUET**

Three bids were received on a roof for the Forbes Garage, with each bidder submitting an option for an upgraded roof. All Siding & Trim’s bid was for \$5,430 plus board work with a rubber roof option of \$7,750 plus board work; The Markell Company bid \$10,883 with a 2 yr warranty with a rubber roof option of \$13,766; and the final bid from UP North Property Services \$10,950 with a 1 yr warranty and a plastic roof option with a 15 yr warranty for \$12,750.

**APPROVE
BID FOR
NEW ROOF
FOR
FORBES
GARAGE**

After some discussion, Thompson moved with Zanon supporting to accept the bid from UP North Property Services for a plastic roof for \$12,750 with a 15 yr warranty.

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

The office staff is experiencing problems with the computer in City Hall, due to overloading the available circuits causing shutdowns and power surges that disrupt programs.

Westphal's Inc. came to inspect the problem area and recommended corrective action. Their proposal was for \$2,263.46 and Commenator recommended the city approve the expenditure.

**WESTPHAL'S
TO
UPGRADE
ELECTRIAL
IN CITY
HALL**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the electrical work for City Hall to correct the overloading of circuits and computer problems.

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

Manager Commenator recommended that the board approve the purchase of a replacement salt spreader. Two bids were received, the lowest from Olson Trailer out of Green Bay, WI for \$1,800.

**PURCHASE
SALT
SPREADER**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve the purchase of a salt spreader for \$1,800.00, from Olson Trailer.

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

Coates moved with Beber supporting to purchase a new computer, per specs from Northern Networking for \$970.00 for the Police Dept.

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

**APPROVAL
TO
PURCHASE
NEW
COMPUTER
FOR POLICE**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Tom Beber reported to the board that the Recreation Board met and they would like to keep two tennis courts located down at Bachman Park. The Skateboard Park will be located at the old Franklin Street Garage. The school would like to have 3 new tennis courts eventually built at Nelson.

**TENNIS
COURTS -
BACHMAN
PARK**

Beber's proposal would be for the school to build one court, the Friends of Nelson Field to build a 2nd court and then the city would build the 3rd court.

Commenator brought a 20 x 30 aerial picture of the City (not the consolidated city) which a contractor took. If the city would like to purchase the picture it would be for a mere \$370.00. There are also other sizes available.

Commissioners commented that it's not the consolidated city.

Beber moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**