

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003  
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom called the meeting to order 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 Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Roger Zanon, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager Rick Commenator, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Hanna Goodman, Karla VanWagner, Sarah Drake, Mike & Lois Brozak, George Treado, Bernard St. Germain and Jeff Bal also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under Old Business 10 (b) Water Project. Beber moved with Thompson supporting to accept the amended agenda as outlined. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

The minutes from the regular meeting of November 5, 2003, were approved by a motion from Coates with Thompson supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Brozak commented about his dissatisfaction with the way Cedar Ave. was left after the water lines were installed.

**CEDAR AVE  
COMPLAINT  
ABOUT  
WATER  
PROJECT**

Manager Commentator informed the board that he met with Dick Anderson, Tom Mayo and the Foreman of the project on 11-13-03, when they were prepping the road, they discussed the possibility of laying some gravel over everything and putting an over lay over the street. The problem with the road is there is no foundation, it's all spongy ground. They were thinking of trying to put asphalt in the trenches to try and hold the edges until spring time and look at it then.

Commenator also reported that they are not happy with 17<sup>th</sup> St. Alliance Construction knows that the city is not happy with that area and they will have to come back and redo it.

Coates asked about the retainage the city will have. The streets in Hilltop Addition are not good; various places through town that had patch work done, along with curbing that was put in when the weather was cold, cement work and blacktopping are of grave

concern. He wanted to make sure that there would be enough money withheld to take care of any problems that arise in the spring.

**I.R. WATER  
PROJECT**

Manager Commenator told the board that the contractor is under warranty for one year. We also have the bond plus \$600,000 of retainage. He anticipates the contractor coming before the city within the next month, and asking that the retainage be reduced from 5% to 2.5%.

He also pointed out that the Bonding Company has to agree to the city releasing the 5%.

Attorney Tousignant suggested the city make a list of everything we know will have to be replaced and put a dollar amount on it.

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of Election Commission minutes of 10-17-03, Iron County Planning minutes of 9-15-03, WIC Fair Board minutes of 10-20-03, Stambaugh Housing minutes of 10-14-03 and Iron River Housing minutes 10-14-03. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

The Manager's report was accepted and placed on file by a motion from Beber with Zanon supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S  
REPORT**

## **FINANCIALS**

MDOT invoice #AP 260805 for \$1,033.90 for reconstruction on the 7<sup>th</sup> St. project was approved for payment on a motion from Beber with Thompson supporting.

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

**MDOT  
INVOICE  
FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
RECONSTRU  
CTION**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The groundwater discharge permit for the former Mineral Hills was discussed. Jeff Bal from STS Consultants updated the board regarding the visit from Jeannette Bailey from the DEQ in Lansing. A letter was received from Ms Bailey stating that it doesn't appear that Mineral Hills will be connected to Iron River City's sewer lines, within the next two years and therefore she was requiring the city to obtain a permit application #2218.

**DEQ  
GROUNDWA  
TER PERMIT  
FOR I.R.  
NORTH**

In Ms. Bailey's letter there were five key items that the city needs to address. Jeff Bal gave an estimate of between \$2,100 and \$3,000 for STS Consultants to assist the city in providing the information requested by the DEQ.

Bal also stated that previously STS Consultants had contracted with the city sometime in 2000, to address the groundwater testing results that were obtained in the former Mineral Hills area, and try to justify compliance with the permit. Shortly after it started, the job was put

on hold because it looked apparent that Mineral Hills would be connected with WICSA. In that agreement, STS Consultants would be able to charge approximately \$6,000 and they only charged approximately \$1,000. He stated that this amount of money would have previously been budgeted and this contract could be amended to that contract. He said they could void the scope of the previous contract all together and amend it to this new amount.

**I.R. NORTH  
GROUND-  
WATER  
PERMIT  
APPLTN**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to authorize STS Consultants to prepare the Groundwater Discharge Permit Application for the Homer Road drain field.

**APPROVAL  
TO  
PROCEED**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to accept with regret Arthur Sacheck's resignation from the WIC Fire Authority and advertise the position. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**SACHECK  
RESIGNA-  
TION FROM  
WIC FIRE  
AUTHORITY**

Soderbloom moved with Zanon supporting to accept with regret Nora Angeli's resignation from the Board of Review and advertise the position. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**ANGELI  
RESIGNA-  
TION FROM  
BOARD OF  
REVIEW**

Coates moved to accept the Manager's recommendation and advertise city owned property in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, T43 N-R 35W with a minimum bid of \$10,000 without a reverter clause. Beber supported the motion

**ADVERTISE  
PROPERTY**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 – Zanon Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Manager Commenator requested that the board go into executive session to discuss his evaluation.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION –  
MGR'S  
EVALUA-  
TION**

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to move into executive session as requested by the City Manager to discuss his evaluation.

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

The meeting recessed out of regular session at 6:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Coates, supported by Beber to extend the City Manager's employment for three (3) months beyond the end of his current contract, at the same salary and benefits.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1- Thompson Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**