

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 Pro-Tem Ray Coates presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Bernie St. Germain, Jere Fritsche and George Treado also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under New Business (c) Northland sign (d) Hebert Construction parts (e) Ahlberg Electric quote; under Old Business (c) GASB 34 and (d) Nelson Field.

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

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

The minutes of the regular city meeting held 12/3/03 and the special city meeting of 12/8/03 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.

The Consent Agenda consisting of the Stambaugh Housing minutes of 11/11/03, County Planning Commission minutes of 11/10/03, DDA minutes of 10/20/03 and the Iron River Housing Commission minutes of 11/11/03 were approved on a motion from Thompson and Zanon supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

REPORTS

Thompson informed the board that Hebert Construction has some parts, lift station and a generator and the city should look into this and see what kind of a price they can get on the equipment.

**LIFT STATION,
GENERATOR
FROM
HEBERT
CONSTR**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to authorize the installation of a simple dialer alarm for \$350 and have it wired locally (costs may exceed \$700).

**PURCHASE
DIALER
ALARM**

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

FINANCIALS

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve payment to MDOT for invoice for River/Allen St. Project for \$30,742.56.

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

APPROVAL OF MDOT BILL FOR RIVER/ALLEN PROJECT

There was some concern regarding the bituminous and whether or not there would be any left over for the project. According to the worksheet included in the pay estimate there was zero amount left. This is a concern because all the blacktopping is not completed.

CONCERNS REGARDING BLACK-TOPPING FOR I.R. WATER PROJECT

After some discussion regarding issues of blacktopping in reference to the water project, Thompson moved with Zanon supporting to table any decision on pay estimate #24 for further review, and discuss at the next regular meeting.

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

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve UP Engineers invoice #2400270 for Apple Blossom Trail for \$220.00.

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

APPROVE INVOICE FROM UP ENGINEERS FOR APPLE BLOSSOM TRAIL

OLD BUSINESS

The city advertised the city’s undivided interest in the Plat of Hammer, Block 3 lots 7,8 &9. One bid was received from Mark Gasperini for \$301.

SALE OF PROPERTY DENIED

Beber moved to sell the property to Mark Gasperini for \$301, but the motion died for lack of support.

The purchase of meter parts was tabled at the last meeting to allow the City Attorney to research the use of funds in the Edward Jones Account, remaining from the former City of Stambaugh.

Tousignant gave the board a memo which stated that those monies are considered to be community funds.

In addition to the meters and parts, two new interrogators will allow us to read meters more efficiently and with less chance of human error when entering the readings.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to purchase meters, meter parts and two new interrogators with funds to be used from the Edward Jones account.

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

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE METERS, PARTS AND INTERROGATORS

Coates asked what the status was on the GASB 34 issue. Commenator informed the board that Maximus is supposed to have it completed and emailed to him tomorrow, at which time he will deliver it to Diane Rostagno.

GASB 34

Coates asked about the Nelson Field Grant. Commenator said we have received a grant and the engineers are near completion with submitting the design and other requirements the DNR has for them to review before any work can begin. The improvements have to be completed by the end of June or we lose the grant.

**NELSON
FIELD GRANT**

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to designate the City Clerk as the Freedom of Information Coordinator and before information is released, confer with the City Attorney.

**FOIA
COORDINA-
TOR
APPOINTED**

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

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve a liquor license to Iron County Community Hospital, Inc.

**APPROVE
LIQUOR
LICENSE**

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

Thompson asked about the Northland sign on the corner of U.S. 2 and Cedar Ave. Commenator told the board that Northland approached him and they properly sized the sign under the ordinance and installed it. During their installation, the council has been approached about selling property we own, and in looking at the property to see if there are any utilities in it, it was reported back that someone is building a sign on city property.

**NORTHLAND
SIGN ON U.S.
2 & CEDAR
AVE**

The owner of Northland Service (Chris Hughes) was out of town, but the beginning of this week Commenator spoke to him and he thought he was on his property.

Commenator stated that Mr. Hughes has two options that being either move the sign or bid on the property. The proper thing for him to do would be to survey his property.

Tousignant said that this seems to be a reoccurring problem and in the future the zoning requests should have more detailed descriptions and make them come with surveys, along with making them show that they own the property.

Commenator suggested proceeding with the opening of the bids for the property, which will allow the City Attorney time to recommend if the property should be surveyed and at whose expense (before the bids are opened).

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk