

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2004
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 Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Roger Zanon, Virgil Thompson, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Bernard St. Germain, Jere Fritsche, George Treado, Marilyn Peterson, Derek & Alfred Perlongo and several High School students.

Amendments to the agenda included under Old Business (e) Maple View/Sunrise Ave. sewers; under Financials (e) Approve audit; and under New Business (f) Council meetings

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

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the regular minutes of the February 4, 2004 meeting and the special Workshop meeting of February 6, 2004. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alfred Perlongo was present on behalf of the WIC Fire Dept. soliciting ads for their tournament booklet. The tournament will be held in town this year. Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve a two page ad (center of book) for \$350.

**AD FOR
FIRE-
FIGHTERS
BOOKLET**

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

Perlongo also questioned boarding up vacant homes/building. Attorney Tousignant said he believes this is addressed in the Blight Ordinance.

The condition of the water fountains in City Hall were also pointed out, that they needed some attention.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to accept and file the Iron River Housing Commission minutes of January 13, 2004. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
IRON RIVER
HOUSING
MINUTES**

Manager Archocosky informed the board that the County passed a resolution to release the deferred obligation contributions with MERS to the city. Now the City needs to pass a resolution.

**MERS
TRANSFER
FOR J.
ARCHO-
COSKY**

With that, Soderbloom moved with Thompson supporting to approve a resolution to accept the transfer of all of the service time for John Archocosky and the retirement liability with MERS.

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

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

**MGR'S
REPORT**

A pending issue list was compiled by Manager Archocosky and given to the board. He will be updating the list periodically as things progress in each category.

FINANCIALS

Thompson moved with Beber supporting to approve pay estimate #25 for the Iron River Central Water Project.

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

After the city receives the funds from Rural Development, a check shall be made out only to the Laborer's Union (garnishment received by the city on behalf of the Laborer's Union) for the amount defined in the garnishment.

**APPROVE
PAY
ESTIMATE
#25 FOR I.R.
WATER
PROJECT**

Approval to pay invoice from STS Consultants for Nelson Field engineering services of \$1,445.00 was moved by Beber and Thompson supporting. Because the amount agreed to originally has been reached, STS waived the additional \$2,319.14.

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

**APPROVE
INVOICE TO
STS FOR
NELSON
FIELD**

Auditor Diane Rostagno submitted a bill for the fiscal year 2002 – 2003 audit for \$18,338.95 (higher this year due to the GASB 34 law). Thompson moved with Coates supporting to approve the expenditure

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

**APPROVE
PAYMENT
TO D.S.
ROSTAGNO
FOR AUDIT**

Dept. of Public Works was requesting permission to purchase electrical cable for the CAT front-end loader for the snow blower. This would be used as a spare in case the John Deer breaks down.

**APPROVE
PURCHASE
OF CABLE
ASSEMBLY**

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to approve the expenditure of the cable assembly from Bruce Equipment in WI for \$960.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the 2002-2003 fiscal year audit.

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

**APPROVE
2002-2003
AUDIT**

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Archocosky met with Police Chief Goriesky and Fire Chief Perlongo to address the best siren to purchase, to be used as a curfew or in emergency situations, in the city. Presently, the city has no way to warn people in the event of an emergency. Upon reviewing the sirens it appears that the range is 35 – 40% of what the old siren currently has.

**SIREN FOR
CITY OF
IRON RIVER**

Archocosky has been trying to obtain a price for the siren, but has been unsuccessful. He will investigate the best area to place the new siren, due to the city expanding with consolidation.

Attorney Tousignant informed the board that he has been in touch with Waste Management and the language is in the contract which only requires a 60 day notice for the city to opt out of their contract, should they decide to go to the bag system. He recommended the city sign the contract.

**WASTE
MANAGE-
MENT
CONTRACT
APPROVED**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the Waste Management contract with the new language.

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

The City has received notification from the Tony Hawk Foundation that they are the recipients of a \$10,000 grant to be used in the Skateboard Park

**TONY HAWK
FOUNDA-
TION GRANT
SKATE-
BOARD PRK**

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve the resolution and accept the Tony Hawk Foundation grant for \$10,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign appropriate documents.

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

Attorney Tousignant explained to the board that the city gets free cable hookup (according to the agreement) but not free internet service.

Tousignant reported on the Maple View (Stambaugh Township sewers on Division St). Stambaugh Township agreed to sign the contract presented by the City and the WICSA. They will now pay the Sewer Authority directly in addition to paying the city a monthly charge (same as Iron River Township pays) for transportation of material through the city lines. He said the city would discontinue billing those residents sewer and coordinate this with the WICSA. Stambaugh Township wants this in operation effective March 1, 2004.

**SUNRISE/DIV
ISION ST.
SEWER
AGREE**

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to authorize the Manager to sign the contract with Stambaugh Township. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to authorize any board member to attend the MML Conference held in March in Lansing.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
TO ATTEND
MML
CONFER-
ENCE**

Two applicants were received to fill the vacancy on the Board of Review; Ruth Oberg and Lillian Thompson. Coates moved with Zanon supporting to appoint Lillian Thompson to fill the vacancy on the Board of Review.

**APPTMT TO
BOARD OF
REVIEW**

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to sell the City Manager's vehicle at a price that the City Manager sees fit.

**MOTION TO
SELL MGRS
VEHICLE**

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

The DDA amended their budget to allow for the increase in the agreement with 3 Point Development, due to the removal of asbestos and demolition of the Jean's Floral Building. Manager Archocosky felt the board should also approve the amendment in the budget because the DDA is included in the city's budget. He will have the correct figures at the next meeting. Beber moved with Coates supporting to table any discussion until more information is received. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DDA
BUDGET
AMDMTS**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to change the city meeting date from the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to the 1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday (consider as a workshop) at 1:00 p.m. (trial for a few months)

**CHANGE
DATES OF
CITY
MEETINGS**

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**