

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07, 2004
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.

Members present included Mayor Soderbloom, Councilmen Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, and Roger Zanon, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Additions to the agenda included under **Reports** (d) Legal Report, under **Old Business** (a) Bid Opening-Nelson Field, (e) City Hall ceiling and lighting, under **New Business** (e) Recreation Committee-tennis courts, (f) Father's Day Car Show request at Nelson Field, and (g) Iron River Water Shed property purchase.

Beber moved to accept the amended agenda. Thompson supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
AMENDED
AGENDA AND
WORKSHOP**

Thompson moved to accept the Regular meeting/Workshop minutes from 03-17-04. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Korach would like to see repairs made to Forbes Road. City Manager Archocosky will assess the situation.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

Thompson moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written. This included Election Commission minutes of 03-22-04, Recreation Committee minutes of 03-18-04, Zoning/Planning Board minutes of 03-11-04, DDA minutes of 03-15-04, Iron River Housing Commission minutes of 02-10-04, and Iron River Building Authority minutes of 03-30-04. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
CONSENT
AGENDA**

REPORTS

Thompson moved to approve Treasurer Suzanne Johnson request to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute in Mt. Pleasant from May 2-7, 2004. Beber supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVAL
TREASURER TO
ATTEND
INSTITUTE**

Beber moved to follow Tousignant's recommendation and have American Legal prepare codification of City ordinances and resolutions, with options, as required by Charter. Zanon supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**CODIFICATION
CITY
ORDINANCES**

Tousignant gave a verbal report on issues included in the pending issue list.

Beber moved to accept and place on file City Manager's, Public Work's, and Police Department reports. Soderbloom supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
REPORTS**

FINANCIALS

Thompson moved to accept and place on file the disbursements for March 2004. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVE
DISBURSE-
MENTS**

Thompson moved to pay Attorney Tousignant's bill, in the amount of \$3328.17. Beber supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE
ATTORNEY BILL**

OLD BUSINESS

Bids for the Nelson Field Improvement Project were opened at 6:35 p.m. Thompson moved to table this for engineer's review, as the bids exceeded the original engineers estimate. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**NELSON FIELD
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT
TABLED**

Hebert Construction was the low bidder for the Apple Blossom Trail Project. Beber moved to accept the recommendation from the Iron River Watershed Council and proceed with the project. Soderbloom supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**PROCEED WITH
APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL PROJECT**

Thompson moved with support from Zanon to table the water rate decision for further review and to hold a special meeting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

**TABLE WATER
RATE DECISION**

Coates moved to complete the hallway ceiling and lighting on the second floor of City Hall. Beber supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**FINISH
HALLWAY AT
CITY HALL**

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Smith purchased property located at 740 6th Avenue at the DNR Public Auction on November 19, 2003. He asked if the City would forgive the past sewer bill that accrued up to the time of the purchase. After some discussion it was decided not to grant his request.

**BEN/DIANE
SMITH
PROPERTY 740
6TH AVE**

The RV Park is running in a deficit and will have to be addressed in the upcoming budget.

At 7:35 Beber requested a short recess. The regular meeting was called back to order 8:40.

Soderbloom moved to grant the contribution request (\$3386.00) to the Iron County Community Schools, only if it is a budgeted item. Thompson supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**CONTRIBUTION
IC COMM
SCHOOLS**

Manager Archocosky will check the RV Park budget to see if the Summer Fun Guide advertisement is a budgeted item.

Coates moved to replace the engine in the 1996 Grasshopper riding lawn mower. Beber supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**REPLACE
ENGINE MOWER**

Coates moved to retain, repair, and replace the tennis courts at Bachman Park. Beber supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**TENNIS
COURTS
BACHMAN
PARK**

Archocosky will put a proposal together for the tennis courts, Skateboard Park, and running track at Nelson Field projects, which will then go out on bids.

The Iron Range Trail Club requested use of Nelson Field for the 27th Annual Father's Day Car Show, to be held on 06-20-04. This was approved on a motion from Beber. Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**REQUEST CAR
SHOW NELSON
FIELD**

Coates motioned to deny a request from The Watershed Council to purchase property, which parallels the Apple Blossom Trail Project. Soderbloom supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**FORGO
PURCHASING
PROPERTY FOR
WATERSHED
COUNCIL**

Thompson moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Soderbloom supported. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

Kathy L. Anderson,
Deputy Clark