

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004
1:00 P.M.**

The workshop was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

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

Excluded from the agenda under New Business (c), Iron County Community Hospital Resolution request.

Zanon moved to approve the amended agenda. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APP
AGENDA

Thompson moved with support from Beber to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 07, 2004. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APP MIN-
UTES

The Consent Agenda, which included Iron River Housing Commission minutes of June 08, 2004, Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of June 08, 2004, and Iron River Watershed Council minutes of June 07, 2004, was approved on a motion from Thompson, with support from Coates. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APP
CON-
SENT
AGENDA

FINANCIALS

Beber moved with support from Thompson to approve U.P Engineers & Architects, Inc. bill (invoice 2401339), in the amount of \$2230.67, for the Apple Blossom Trail Enhancement Project.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

UP ENG
APPLE
BLOS
TRAIL

Thompson moved with support from Zanon to pay Paul Jurmu \$2816.00 for striping parking lots, RV Park, streets and crosswalks.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

STRIP-
ING
LOTS

Coates moved to pay Mottes Materials Inc \$1227.86 (invoice 600512). Thompson supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

MOTTES
INV

Thompson moved with support from Beber to pay MDOT invoice # 267222, for the amount of \$3415.30, for reconstruction along 7th Avenue.
Roll Call: Ayes: Nays: 0 Motion passed.

MDOT
7TH AVE

Thompson moved with support from Zanon to pay one-half of the West Shore Services, Inc (invoice 0008911-IN), in the amount of \$11,450.00, for the siren system to be installed at City Hall. The West Iron County Fire Board will pay the remainder. The total cost of the project is \$22,900.00.

PYMT
SIREN
SYSTEM

Thompson moved to approve Sensus Metering support renewal (invoice ZZ50007189), in the amount of \$1000.00. Coates supported.

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

SENSUS
RENEWAL

Zanon moved to pay White Water Associates, Inc \$1160.00 (invoice 113407), for wastewater analysis in the former Village of Mineral Hills. Beber supported.

Roll Call Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

WHITE
WATER
INV MH
WASTE-
WATER

Beber moved to approve the purchase of grader blades from H&L Mesabi, in the amount of \$3096.50. Coates supported.

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

PURCHASE
SE
GRADER
BLADES

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Soderbloom gave an update on the City Logo Contest. It will be open to all citizens, all ages are welcome to participate, and citizens will be judges. The format is yet to be established, and nothing is official yet. Input from other council members is appreciated.

Zanon moved to approve the final draft of the five-year agreement for Nelson Field between the City of Iron River and WIC Public Schools. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT
WIC/IR
NELSON
FIELD

Daryl Sundberg of Spicer Group Inc updated the Council members on the progress being made on the recent projects bid out for the track at Nelson Field, the Skateboard Park, and the tennis and basketball courts. Spicer Construction was awarded the bid for the skateboard park, tennis and basketball courts. Work should begin on this project within the next 7-10 days. He and Archcosky are negotiating with three companies for the Nelson Field Track project.

REC
PRO-
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NEW BUSINESS

Thad Sartorelli intends to build a house on property he purchased at 860 Joanne Avenue. The house on this property was abandoned and burned down several years ago. No water shut-off valve is provided at this location. A water line coming from the east side of the property was abandoned during the Iron River Central water project and not replaced on the west side where the new main is located. He is requesting the water tap fee be waived.

TABLE
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ELLI
REQ-
UEST

Thompson moved with support from Beber to table the request from Sartorelli, so the issue can be discussed further with the attorney.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

FORMA-
TION ICE
LK
ASSOC

George Holm, an Ice Lake resident attended the workshop. On behalf of himself and other lake residents he asked for a resolution supporting the formation of the Ice Lake Association. Eurasian Milfoil has been detected in the lake, and if left alone will form a thick, tangled mat of vegetation near the water surface, reducing water circulation. Eventually habitat is degraded; recreation activities are hurt as well as property values. The DNR will provide information but won't be involved in eliminating the problem. The cost to treat the Milfoil is unknown. Once an Ice Lake Association is formed, the group can apply for grants to help with costs.

APPOINT
S JOHN-
SON
HOSP
FIN.
AUTH

Coates moved to support the formation of the Ice Lake Property Owners Association. Zanon supported.
All were in favor. Motion passed.

Sue Johnson was re-appointed to the Hospital Finance Authority, term ending December 2006, on a motion from Beber and support from Coates.
All were in favor. Motion passed.

Archocosky will gather information on the Casanova property development. Water and sewer connection is in question.

CLOSE
GEN. ST

WORKSHOP

Coates moved to grant permission to close Genesee Street from 1st – 3rd Avenues, for vendors on Friday July 30, 2004 during the Fireman's Tournament. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

CLEAN-
UP
PROP
STAMBO
HILL

The City of Iron River acquired property located at 305 Lay Avenue after the house on this property burned down. When this occurred, it damaged the house at 313 Lay Avenue, owned by Joseph Brzoznowski. Brzoznowski is interested in tearing down the house on his property, and possibly sharing the cost with the City.

Coates moved to have Archocosky finalize clean up of said property, and possibly sharing the cost with Brzoznowski. Thompson supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

MML
DELEGA
TION

Coates moved to designate Mayor Soderbloom as a voting delegate to attend the MML Convention on Mackinac Island, September 30 – October 2, 2004. Tom Beber is designated as an alternate. Thompson supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Beber) Motion carried.

Larry Puckett has begun construction of storage building on city owned property next to his house at 1009 5th Avenue. After this was discovered, he was told to cease construction, as he is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Puckett then submitted a letter asking for permission to build on the property, as he has taken care of it for many years, stating he would assume all liability. Mr. Puckett's request was tabled until further advice can be obtained from the attorney, on a motion from Beber with support from Thompson. All in favor. Motion passed.

**TABLE
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REQ.
BUILD
STOR-
AGE
SHED**

MDOT was granted permission to use Genesee Street as a detour route for traffic from 189 and U.S 2 during the construction project, on a motion from Beber and support from Zanon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Archocosky advised the council that he would like to form a Planning Commission. The goal of this Commission would be to establish residential, commercial and industrial development, as well as to review the Downtown area. Two members from the DDA have been appointed and he asked that two members from the council also sit on this board.

**MDOT
DETOUR
APPROV-
-ED**

Coates moved to appoint Soderbloom and Thompson to establish a Planning Commission, and to sit on this board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**EST.
PLANN-
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SSION**

Soderbloom moved to adjourn the workshop at 2:52 p.m., and go into Executive Session to discuss City Manager Evaluation. Thompson supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved to adjourn Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. Zanon supported. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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**EXEC-
UTIVE
SESSION**

Kathy L. Anderson
Deputy Clerk