

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004  
5:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others in attendance included Paul Hinshaw, Fay Frailing, Jane Smedlund, Bernard St. Germain, Bernie Sacheck, Jere Fritsche, and Craig Richardson.

The Public Hearing began at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding the issuance of City of Iron River Hospital Finance Authority Hospital revenue bonds for the benefit of Iron County Community Hospital.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING-  
HOSPITAL  
FINANCE**

There was no public comment and Mayor Soderbloom said the Public Hearing will remain open until later on in the regular meeting in case visitors arrive late.

Amendments to the agenda included adding under Old Business (a) meeting dates of November and December for the Council; (b) Workshop on MML information; (c) MDOT signs by Middle School; also move 11 (d) Close Public Hearing up to just before Old Business. Add under New Business (a) Acting on Public hearing

**APPROVAL  
OF THE  
AGENDA**

With that, Coates moved with Thompson supporting to approve the amended agenda as outlined. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of October 6, 2004 were approved on a motion from Thompson with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fay Frailing was present on behalf of the Stake Park Committee and asked if the city could put bleachers at the new park. She also asked if the Skate Park Committee could have permission to reopen the concession stand at Bachman Park with the proceeds going to purchase another piece of equipment for the Skate Park.

**SKATE  
PARK  
COMMITTEE-  
BLEACHERS  
& CONCES-  
SION STAND**

Archocosky will check into the bleacher issue and updating the concession stand at Bachman Park for their use. He will also check into putting up signs.

**SKATE  
PARK  
BLEACHERS**

Thompson moved with Zanon supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of September 14, 2004; Iron River Housing Commission minutes of September 15, 2004; DDA minutes of September 20, 2004 and the WICSA minutes of August 23, September 27, 2004 and the Sept. plant report. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

## **FINANCIALS**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for invoice #26222 for \$2,359.00 for Wellhead Protection Plan.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve payment to Collegiate Pacific for \$1,886.00 for paint for basketball & tennis courts.

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

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to approve payment to Mottes Materials for \$4,539.69 for ice control sand.

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

U.P. Engineers invoice for Apple Blossom Trail for \$3,066.89 was approved for payment on a motion from Beber with Zanon supporting.

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

Northern Septic & Drain invoice for \$1,477.50 for pumping septic in Mineral Hills, was approved for payment on a motion from Thompson with Zanon offering support.

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

Fidlar Doubleday, Inc. invoice for \$1,120.00 for coding charges for the election machines for the General Election was approved for payment on a motion from Thompson with Beber supporting.

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

Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.

**CLOSE  
PUBLIC  
HEARING**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

After some discussion, the board unanimously decided to conduct one city meeting in November on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and one meeting in December on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. If a special meeting is warranted, one will be scheduled.

**MEETING  
DATES  
CHANGED**

A workshop was scheduled for October 27, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in the Legion Room to discuss the MML information obtained at a conference and discussion on the Mineral Hills Water Project.

**WORKSHOP  
SCHEDULED**

Coates questioned MDOT regulations for installing flashing signs near the Middle School. After some discussion, Manager Archocosky will invite MDOT officials to the next meeting.

**INVITE  
MDOT TO  
CITY  
MEETING-  
FLASHING  
SIGNS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to grant TEFRA approval for the issuance of bonds to benefit the Iron County Community Hospital. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE  
TEFRA FOR  
ICC  
HOSPITAL**

The Board has received a Phase I Site Assessment conducted by White Water Associates, Inc. as it relates to six acres of property owned by Stora Enso. The report lists elevated levels of harmful elements on the property.

**STORA  
ENSO  
PROPERTY**

Attorney Tousignant suggested that a baseline environmental study be completed first, so if the city decides to take ownership of the property, they wouldn't be responsible.

Archocosky questioned why the Watershed Council couldn't take ownership of the property. This issue will also be explored.

Coates then moved to table any further discussion and have Archocosky and Tousignant explore different issues relative to the property and report back at the next meeting.

Coates offered to attend the Milfoil Control meeting at Bates Township Hall October 21, 2004, on behalf of the city.

One bid was received on property in Section 26 in the Hilltop Addition from Walter Salonen. His bid was for \$501 and the minimum bid was \$500.

**APPROVAL  
TO SELL  
PROPERTY  
TO WALTER  
SALONEN IN  
SECTION 26**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to sell the property to Walter Salonen for \$501 plus deed preparation and recording fees.

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

Edna Howell was re-appointed to the Iron County Housing Commission for a five-year term, on a motion from Beber with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT  
E. HOWELL  
TO IR  
HOUSING  
COMM**

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**