

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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 Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Roger Zanon, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Bernard St. Germain, Craig Richardson, Ben Feldhausen, Mike Premo, Robert Rafferty, Jere Fritsche, Ben Smith and Rosalie King also attended the meeting.

Mayor Soderbloom explained the new temporary format regarding the Consent Agenda that the board is testing.

Archocosky asked that under Old Business (c) Computer and IT upgrades be added.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Special City meeting of October 14, 2004, the Regular City meeting/Public Hearing of October 20, 2004 and the Special City meeting of October 27, 2004 were all accepted and filed on a motion from Coates with Thompson offering support. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**RENOVATIO
NS TO
COURT-
HOUSE**

Rosalie King, County Commissioner was present and informed the board that invitations will be going out for a ceremony to be held on December 10, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Courthouse, to observe the renovation process. She went on to tell the board that if they have any issues they would like discussed, to contact her and she will help in any way she can.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the Zoning/Planning Board minutes of September 9, 2004, the Iron County Planning Commission minutes of September 20, 2004, Iron River Building Authority minutes of October 19, 2004, Election Commission minutes of October 20, 2004, Hospital Finance Authority minutes of October 21, 2004, WICSA Reports, Financials and minutes of September 27, 2004, Iron

River
Housing
Commissio
n minutes

of October 5, 2004, department reports from the Police Dept, Public Works and City Manager, letter from MDOT, MML ballot for Board of Directors, Finance Audit Committee pay packet and the October Finances, were all accepted as presented on a motion from Thompson and Beber supporting.

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

**LEGAL
REPORT**

Attorney Tousignant reviewed his monthly report and informed the board that the Watershed Council has found an entity (Soil Conservation Dept) that can own the Stora Enso Property, so the city is relinquished from the responsibility.

**PAY
ESTIMATE
#2 FOR
WATER
CONTINGEN
CY PROJ**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve pay estimate #2 for Lakeland Enterprises for the Water Contingency Project for \$202,024.43.

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

**PAY
ESTIMATE
FOR STS
CONSULTAN
TS**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve payment for Progress Billing #1 from STS Consultants for Basic Engineering Services and resident inspection services for the Iron River Water System Improvement Project for \$11,683.59.

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

**PAY
ESTIMATE
FOR STS
CONSULTAN
TS**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve payment of Progress Billing #6 from STS Consultants for Design & Contract Administration Engineering for Iron River Water System Improvements for \$1,735.75.

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

MDOT

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Premo of MDOT, thanked the city for there part in assisting MDOT with the U.S. 2 & M189 intersection. He went on to explain that next year the signal at W. Genesee & 4th Ave. will also be upgraded. He touched briefly on the "S" curves between Iron River and Crystal Falls where construction will also take place next year.

**MDOT
FLASHING
LIGHTS
NEAR
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

Ben Feldhausen then spoke about the flashers near the Middle School. He explained that they were removed because they were not functioning properly, and signs were erected. Due to the fact that there is much interest to get them back, Feldhausen said that MDOT would replace the signs with flashers again, as long as the school enters into an agreement with MDOT.

Archocosky will send a letter to Mr. Tim Peruzzi at the WICPS and ask for their cooperation.

**CITY
COMPUTERS**

Archocosky informed the board that he received 5 bids between the computer system and the phone system. This is a budgeted item and after he has time to review the bids, he will have a meeting with

the Finance
Audit
Committee
for
approval to
purchase.

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

The board agreed that Archocosky could proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Rafferty of TRICO explained to the board that they want to apply for a grant to do an extension of the project for the Apple Blossom Trail, and make a rest area. He was asking inkind support from the city (removing brush piles they create, remove stumps they can't get out, provide a picnic table anchored down and perhaps purchase flagstone to place from the current trail to the picnic table and further to the bank of the river).

**TRICO
APPLYING
FOR GRANT
TO EXTEND
PROJECT
FOR APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL**

Archocosky asked that Rafferty meets with Dick Anderson and put together a value on the inkind service and report back to the city.

Discussion on amending the Purchasing Ordinance was next. The board has talked about increasing the amount of the Manager's discretion of expenditures from \$700 to \$2,500. Attorney Tousignant will prepare a proposed amended ordinance at the next meeting. Tousignant also suggested an initial rate with flexible spending.

**PURCHAS-
ING
ORDINANCE**

Robert Stupp, member of the Stambaugh Housing Commission has submitted his letter of resignation. The board agreed to advertise for the vacancy.

**STAMBO
HOUSING
COMM
VACANCY**

The Skate Park open & closing dates were discussed. Thompson suggested opening the park from May through November from 9:00 a.m. until the sun goes down. There is discussion about a new Recreation Ordinance, which would include the above information. Tousignant is working with Archocosky and Chief Goriesky on the Ordinance.

**SKATE
PARK
HOURS**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Soderbloom asked for a list of boards and their terms. She also told the board that she has planned a field trip for 4th grade students on November 19, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to tour City Hall.

Beber suggested the city turning half the lights off in the RV Park.

Archocosky wanted to thank the City of Crystal Falls for their help providing their vactor truck and employee to help the city unplug a sewer line.

Soderbloom reported that she has received a few more entries for the logo contest and November 15 is the deadline.

Coates moved with Thompson supporting to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk