

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2005  
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, Tom Beber, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. Absent was Ray Coates and Virgil Thompson (both ill)

Wayne Wales, Ben Smith, Craig Richardson and Barbara Waara also attended the meeting.

Archocosky asked that 9 (a) be reworded to “approve purchase motor for Joe’s 86 Chevy Utility truck. At the time agendas went out only one bid was received. Since then the city received a few more.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

With that, Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve the agenda as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Zanon moved with Beber supporting to approve the minutes of the Regular city meeting of January 19, 2005 and the Special city meetings of January 27 and February 11, 2005. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Wales was present at the meeting informing the board that the Iron County Road Commission is going on record opposing the closure of the Michigan State Police Post, and will submit a resolution to the state as such.

**W. WALES  
ASKING FOR  
SUPPORT  
FOR I.R. RD  
COMM. TO  
HOLD  
ELECTION  
FOR MORE  
MILLEAGE**

Next, Mr. Wales asked the board for a letter of support that would allow the Iron County Road Commission to put a question on the ballot and allow the people to vote for an increase in millage (one half a mill for five years) to purchase a couple of new plow trucks each year. He stated that the Road Commission would be responsible for paying for the election.

Beber asked that a decision be made when the Council has a full board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of January 11, 2005; Iron River Housing Commission minutes of January 4, 2005; Zoning/Planning Board minutes of January 13 & 27, 2005; MDOT letter dated 1-31-05 regarding Washington Ave; WIC Fire Board minutes of January 24, 2005; DPW & Police Dept. monthly reports for January 2005; City Manager Activity Report/Pending Issue List; Check Register & January 2005 financials; Finance Audit Committee packets approved for January 27 & February 11, 2005 and the Iron River Watershed minutes of January 3, 2005.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 - Coates & Thompson. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Attorney Mark Tousignant reviewed his monthly report and stated that the codification is complete and he should be receiving a hard copy shortly.

**CODIFICA-  
TION**

**FINANCIALS**

Bids have been received to purchase a motor for Joe’s 86 Chevy Utility truck. After some discussion, Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to allow the City Manager to proceed with purchasing the motor from the low bidder.

**PURCHASE  
MOTOR FOR  
JOE’S  
TRUCK**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to research to determine whether or not it’s legal for the city to donate money to the U.P. Rodeo Committee.

**RESEARCH  
LEGALITY  
FOR  
DONATION  
TO RODEO**

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Coates & Thompson. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Purchasing Ordinance amendments will be discussed at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Wayne Wales had concerns about a billboard sign he owns on city property, near the pump station by Riverside Plaza. He stated that previously he had an agreement with the former City of Stambaugh and because he built his own billboard sign he could place it on city property and was to pay \$1.00/day for the sign indefinitely, for advertisement for his motel.

**WAYNE  
WALES SIGN  
ISSUE**

Mr. Wales has an opportunity to sell his sign to Northland Service but there seems to be a concern as to whether or not the city will continue to honor the same agreement.

**WAYNE  
WALES SIGN  
ISSUE**

Attorney Tousignant has a conflict with the parties involved so therefore Manager Archocosky obtained a response from Attorney's Basso & Basso to questions regarding the sign issue. (see attached response)

Wales commented that he has no intentions of taking the sign down.

After some discussion, the board agreed to wait for a full board to make a decision.

Soderbloom moved to accept the resignation letter from Ben Smith for the Library Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**BEN SMITH  
RESIGNA-  
TION FROM  
LIBRARY  
BOARD**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to appoint Barbara Waara to the Library Board to replace Ben Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPT BARB  
WAARA TO  
LIBRARY  
BOARD**

Beber asked that the city receive minutes of the Library Board meetings. The Clerk will take care of this.

Two applications were received for the vacancy on the Board of Review. Ben Smith (whom stated that if another citizen applied he would withdraw his application) and Terry Tarsi applied for the vacancy.

**BOARD OF  
REVIEW  
VACANCY**

Attorney Tousignant stated that there may be a conflict with Terry Tarsi being a member of the DDA.

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to have Attorney Tousignant research the potential conflict and report back at the next meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**