

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.

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

Bill Leonoff, Adam Steinbrecker, Craig Richardson, Jere Fritsche, Ben Smith, Arthur Sacheck, and Mrs. Alma Rombouts also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under Old Business 9 (c) Water Rate review and 9 (d) GIS. Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Minutes from the regular meeting of February 16, 2005, the special meeting minutes of February 22 & March 2, 2005 were accepted on a motion from Coates with Zanon supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Leonoff introduced himself as the new Chamber Director and told the board he looks forward to working with them.

CONSENT AGENDA

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the Stambaugh Housing Commission minutes of February 8, 2005; Iron River Housing Commission minutes of February 1, 2005; Iron County Planning Commission minutes of January 17, 2005; Finance Audit Committee packets approved on March 2 & March 10, 2005; DPW monthly report for February 2005; Police Dept. report for February 2005 and the City Manager Activity Report/pending Issue List for February 2005.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Thompson Motion carried.

REPORTS

Attorney Tousignant reported that there will be a change in the operation of the RV Park. The Chamber will become Manager of the RV Park, and will be responsible for maintenance there. The city will own the park and be responsible for major repairs.

**CHAMBER
TAKING
OVER RV**

PARK MAIN-TENANCE

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to add the Chamber agreement on the agenda at the special meeting held on March 23, 2005. All were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Coates moved with Beber supporting to authorize Manager Archocosky permission to purchase manhole covers and lids from the low bidder.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Thompson Motion passed.

**PERMISSION
TO
PURCHASE
MANHOLE
COVERS &
LIDS**

February financials were accepted on a motion from Beber with Zanon supporting.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Thompson Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Next on the agenda was the pending question as to whether or not the board would send a letter of support to the County Road Commission, supporting them putting a proposal on the ballot to raise millage to purchase snow plow trucks.

**LETTER
AGAINST
PUTTING
MILLAGE
INCREASE
ON CITY
BALLOT**

Coates commented that he would agree to put the proposal on the ballot but wouldn't support the vote.

Arthur Sackcheck voiced his opinion and asked why would you put the proposal on the ballot and waste money because he feels most of the citizens of the city will vote no on it. He also suggested that they put the proposal on the township ballot and not the city ballot.

Soderbloom moved not to support putting the proposal to increase the millage for the County Road Commission to purchase new trucks on a ballot for the city; however they may put the proposal on the township ballot. Beber supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved to set up a work study for the board to discuss a policy for leasing signs and other city owned property. Soderbloom supported the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

As per Section 4.9 of Ordinance #5 (Water) states, Manager Archocosky present the board with a water rate review. Archocosky presented the water rate review to the board and indicated that after further review, no adjustments be made to the current rate.

**WATER
RATE
ANNUAL
REVIEW
SECTION 4.9**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to accept the annual water rate review and report from Manager Archocosky.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Thompson Motion carried.

Archocosky informed the board with the new water projects completed and other projects (water, sewer, street lighting) in the future, lots of documentation is being collected and he wants permission to ask for requests for services for a Geographic Information System (GIS). This would download the city's information of maps, etc into a computer.

**ADVERTISE
FOR GIS
PROPOSALS**

After a short discussion, Coates moved with Beber supporting to authorize Manager Archocosky to prepare a proposal for services (update maps annual) for a GIS. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO PURCHASING ORDINANCE #19-2001
5:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC
HEARING-
AMENDING
PURCHSNG
ORD.**

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding the amendment to the Purchasing Ordinance #19-2001.

The amendments are to Section 4 & 5. In Section 4 the amendment is to allow the expenditures by the City Manager to increase from \$700, and not to exceed \$1,000. Section 5 amendment is just some mere language changes to coincide with the amendment to Section 4.

There was no public comment, but the Public Hearing shall remain open in conjunction with the regular city meeting.

The regular meeting commenced at 5:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Beber explained that the Finance Audit Committee recommended the city become a member of the Iron County Historical and Museum Society as a business patron for \$100.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to purchase a Patron membership for the Iron County Historical and Museum Society for \$100.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Thompson Motion carried.

**ADOPT
COMMUNITY
DEVELP
PLAN**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supported to adopt the Community Development Plan as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Rob Possanza of the Iron River Care Center concerned about state cuts that are proposed for nursing homes and Medicaid reimbursement. He was asking that the city contact our elected officials regarding the cuts.

**IRON RIVER
CARE
CENTER
LETTER OF
SUPPORT**

Zanon moved with Beber supporting to have Manager Archocosky draft a letter supporting Iron River Care Center's program and send it to our elected officials. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Beber moved to adopt the amended Purchasing Ordinance #19-2001 and Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 – Thompson Motion carried.

**ADOPT
AMENDED
PURCHSNG
ORD #19-
2001**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Beber asked that the Library Board minutes be included with the city agenda. Clerk Shamion will contact the Library again to get the info.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

**Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk**