

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005
10:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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 Tom Beber, Roger Zanon, Virgil Thompson, Ray Coates, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Alma Rombouts also attended the meeting.

Zanon asked that the sign issue be added to the agenda. All agreed.

KEVIN CAROEN RENTAL OF FIRE HALL

The real estate transaction discussed was Kevin Caroen renting the old Stambaugh Fire Hall. The original agreement expired October 26 1999.

Attorney Tousignant explained to the board that the city is exempt from county and school taxes and by renting the building to Mr. Caroen, he doesn't pay taxes. However, Tousignant noted that both the school and county should be getting taxes because the building isn't being used for city services.

Thompson suggested the city sell the property.

Archocosky explained that the city can use the building for storage if Mr. Caroen isn't interested in renting or buying the building. He has tried to contact Mr. Caroen on several occasions, but has been unsuccessful.

Attorney Tousignant informed the board than an environmental study was done by White Water Associates and it was ok, as long as the soil wasn't removed. His recollection of the situation of Mr. Caroen purchasing the building is that the banking institution requires that you apply for a loan within 90 days of occupancy and his time over lapsed.

Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to have the City Assessor look at the old Stambaugh Fire Hall building to establish figures for value and taxes and have Manager Archocosky figure out options to offer to Mr. Caroen.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the budget amendments was to adjust the budget to more accurately confirm expenditures. Archocosky reported that the city is currently under expenditures of the overall budget.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to approve the budget amendments as presented.

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

SIGNS

Zanon wanted some clarification regarding a letter that was received from Manager Archocosky concerned about the sign policy that was drafted by the City Attorney. Archocosky explained that he doesn't like the method of allocating the cost of each sign.

Coates felt the city should just adopt the sign policy.

The issue will be put on the regular city agenda.

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk