

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 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 Ray Coates, Roger Zanon, Tom Beber, Virgil Thompson, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Jere Fritsche, Craig Richardson, Bernard St. Germain, members of the Iron County Musicians organization, David Culver and Wayne Wales also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under 9 (e) West Side Veterans Council contribution; 9 (f) Pay request #4 and Change Order #2 for Lakeland Construction for the Water Contingency Project; and 10 (d) Airport deer issue. Deleted items will be 7 (g) May 2005 financials.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

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

Minutes of the city meetings held on May 18, May 23 and June 6, 2005 were approved on a motion from Thompson with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Iron County Musicians organization were present and had concerns about the band shelter the library is proposing behind their building in the city parking lot.

**BAND
SHELTER
BEHIND
LIBRARY**

Mayor Soderbloom informed the members that the project is through the library and if they have any concerns, they should be taken up with the Library Board.

David Culver was upset about a letter he received in reference to a house he purchased which had a delinquent water bill. Mayor Soderbloom explained to him that the Real Estate Company that was selling the house was being taken over by another company and apparently the bill that was given to them for the water, got lost during the take over.

**DELINQUENT
WATER BILL
FOR DAVID
CULVER**

He also had concerns about the trash pickup and blight areas in town.

Manager Archocosky explained to Mr. Culver that we have a contract to follow for trash pickup and anything outside of the contract has to be disposed of in a different manner.

As for the delinquent water bill, Mr. Culver was told that the city has an ordinance to follow and that is what they did. If he has a problem with the Real Estate Company he purchased the house from, that is not the city problem.

As far as the blight problems, it was explained that the Police Dept. is working on issuing warnings.

Beber then moved with Thompson supporting to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

REPORT

Blight violations were discussed and there was a general consensus with the board that after the Police Dept gives the first warning to the residents, follow through with prosecution after that.

**BLIGHT
VIOLATIONS**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to accept the legal report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**LEGAL
REPORT**

FINANCIALS

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to transfer \$65,000 from major to local, as approved by budget amendments.

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

**TRANSFER OF
BUDGET
AMENDMTS**

May 2005 financials were approved on a motion from Thompson with Beber supporting.

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

**MAY
FINANCIALS**

Zanon moved with Soderbloom supporting to place an ad in the Wykon Athletic Booster Club program for \$40.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 abstain: 1 – Beber Motion passed.

**BOOSTER
CLUB AD**

Beber moved with Thompson supporting to contribute \$250 to the West Side Veterans Council for Memorial Day and 4th of July events.

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

**VETERANS
MEMORIAL &
4TH OF JULY
DONATION**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve pay request #4 from Lakeland Enterprises for the Water Contingency Project for \$29,450.10 and change order #2 for \$7,259.40
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE
PAY REQUEST
#4 & CHANGE
ORDER #2**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve STS Consultants engineering bill for \$607.00 for the Water Contingency Project.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPROVE STS
ENGINEERING**

OLD BUSINESS

Coates moved with Beber supporting to accept the Sign Policy which was drafted by Attorney Tousignant.
Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 – Soderbloom & Thompson
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF SIGN
POLICY**

Manager Archocosky compiled various options in reference to the old Stambaugh Fire Hall. (see attached) Attorney Tousignant felt that the first two options don't comply with the Purchase and Sale Ordinance.

**STAMBAUGH
FIRE HALL
RENT**

After some discussion, Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to offer Kevin Caroen a rental fee of \$400/month, have a new agreement drafted with termination language and if he isn't interested, then advertise the building for sale.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
If Kevin rents the building taxes will have to be paid to the school and county.

Correspondence has been received from STS Consultants regarding the next phase of the Wellhead Protection program, to provide technical assistance and monitoring.

**WELLHEAD
PROTECTION
AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to extend the contract with STS Consultants, for the Wellhead Protection program.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Deer at the airport was discussed next. There was a suggestion of building a fence around the airport to keep the deer out. Manager Archocosky pointed out that the airport is not the city's responsibility because the county owns it.

**DEER
PROBLEM IN
AIRPORT**

Soderbloom moved with Thompson supporting to write a letter to MDOT, and cc Airport manager and the County Board requesting an action plan without violating the city ordinance. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved with Coates supporting to reappoint Terry Tarsi as the city representative on the WICSA board and search for an alternate to replace Arthur Sackcheck. All were in favor. Motion passed

**WICSA
REAPPMTS**

Fluoridation in the city was discussed next. Archocosky is recommending the city discontinue their fluoridation as it is more common in various products used during the day. Because of the financial aspects, the city would have to expand and pay for special licenses for operators.

**FLUORIDA-
TION**

Years ago both Stambaugh and Iron River voted on the fluoridation and Stambaugh passed it but Iron River didn't.

Attorney Tousignant will check to see if we have to vote on the fluoride issue again.

A board term for the Stambaugh Housing Commission is up the end of June and Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to advertise the position along with the Executive Directors position. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**STMBO HSG
COMM.
VACANCY**

Attorney Tousignant suggested exploring the idea of combining both the Iron River Housing and Stambaugh Housing Commissions.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Clerk Shamion announced that Beber & Thompson's term on the board expires 12-31-05 and petitions must be returned to City Hall no later than 8-2-05.

A special meeting was scheduled to award the bid for Nelson Field Improvements for Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the Iron River City Hall.

Beber moved with Thompson supporting, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk