

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
RESCHEDULED MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 9, 2005  
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Roger Zanon, Ed Marcell, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Mike Gatzow, Craig Richardson, Rosalie King, Alfred Perlongo, Arthur Sacheck and several Veterans attended the meeting.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the City regular meeting of October 19, 2005 were approved on a motion from Zanon with Marcell supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A room full of Veterans attended the meeting. They were concerned about rumors that the city was going to start charging the Veterans Office for use of the space or relocate them in another entity.

**VETERANS  
OFFICE**

Several Veterans voiced their opposition about moving the office out of City Hall and/or the rent fee if it stayed.

Al Greig remarked that it is state mandated that the county has to provide space for the Veterans office.

Steve Russell stated that the office needs a room separate from the Conference Room, due to confidentiality.

Mayor Soderboom remarked that she fully supports the veterans, as all the board members do.

Manager Archocosky did a presentation for the Veterans demonstrating on a drawing, the lower level of City Hall. He pointed out where the Veterans office and Assessor's office are currently located and what he is proposing to change and why. The city needs a conference room available for their meetings and also available for the public use.

There is not enough room in City Hall, since consolidation. File cabinets are located in the kitchen and upstairs in the old Fire Hall.

**VETERANS**

Rosalie King, Chairperson of the County Board noted that she checked with Gogebic County and each municipality funds a portion of the Veterans budget. She was figuring out their formula if it were to be implemented in Iron County and based on that formula, Iron River City is doing more than their share.

When Kenneth Thomas asked the board to voice their opinion on how they felt about the Veteran's office, most of them felt the office could be moved to the Assessor's office and the Conference Room shared.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to accept and file all documents listed in the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

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

Zanon moved with Beber supporting to accept the legal report for October 2005. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Board members agreed to have a special meeting on November 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legion Room to discuss budget amendments and possibly the police union contract.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Marcell moved with Zanon supporting to pay \$15,000 to the DEQ for a minimum penalty regarding the Consent Order.

**APPROVE  
\$15,000  
PYMT TO  
DEQ FOR  
PENALTY  
ON  
CONSENT  
ORDER**

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

The original penalty was approximately \$380,000.

**NEW BUSINESS**

One fuel bid was received from Loia's BP, Inc. They are not a distributor and therefore not able to take the state or federal taxes off the price of fuel. However, they could sell fuel at a discounted price with a BP credit card and reimburses the city with a check at the end of each month. There quoted price is \$.06/per gallon discount.

**FUEL BIDS**

Soderbloom moved with Zanon supporting to table any decision on the fuel bids pending review by the City Manager. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved with Marcell supporting to authorize that all accounts listed on Ordinance #13 Noxious weeds list, be paid from the general fund of the city and put the amounts as outlined on the city tax roll.

**NOXIOUS  
WEEDS PUT  
ON TAX  
ROLL**

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

A Resolution was presented to the board to assess 3% tax penalty for the 2006 tax year. City Treasurer Suzanne Johnson explained

that the city doesn't charge a penalty on winter taxes; there is only a penalty charged on summer taxes. This Resolution would allow the city to charge 3% penalty between February 15 to February 28.

**RESOLUTION  
DENIED TO  
ASSESS 3%  
ON CITY  
TAXES FOR  
2 WEEKS**

Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to adopt the above Resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: 2 –Beber & Soderbloom Nays: 3 Motion denied.

Three engineering proposals were received for the Stormwater Study for Genesee St. & M189. U.P. Engineers bid was \$4,900; STS Consultants proposal was \$2,400 and Sundberg & Associates was \$3,270.

**STORMWATER  
STUDY  
ON M189 &  
GENESEE  
ST.**

Coates moved to have Manager Archocosky review and tabulate the bids for the Stormwater Study and award to the lowest bidder. Zanon supported the motion.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Rosalie King informed the board that there is a problem in the county with GAD not using the local Transfer Station to dispose of the trash. In turn, the Transfer Station has cut its hours and in the near future may end up closing. Tousignant stated that he thought there was an Ordinance in the County for the Transfer Station and that possibly GAD was in violation of it.

**TRANSFER  
STATION**

Mayor Soderbloom pointed out the new city flag.

Beber asked if the dugouts at Bachman Park could have a new roof put on them. Something will be done next year with possibly a metal roof on them.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk