

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006  
6:00 P.M.**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Iron River City Hall , with Deputy Mayor Ray Coates presiding.

Members present included Councilmen Tom Beber, Ed Marcell, Roger Zanon, Deputy Mayor Ray Coates, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. Absent were Soderbloom and Archocosky.

Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Schewmake, Mark Gasperini and Jere Fritsche also attended the Public Hearing.

Forrest Schewmake asked whether the new ordinance would grandfather in conditions that already exist. Attorney Tousignant said it would.

Mr. Schewmake also noted that the ordinance doesn't provide for enforcement of the ordinance. It was explained to him that the Zoning Administrator and Police Dept. do the enforcement on the ordinance.

Another concern Mr. Schewmake had was if any restrictions are on parking on private property. He explained that he had a camping trailer that he parks on his own property and hoped he could continue parking it there. He was told that the ordinance does not affect private property.

Mark Gasperini felt that the change to the section on signs in the ordinance was favorable.

There was some confusion regarding privately owned lots and city owned lots, as to whether or not billboard signs are permissible. On C2 and I1 zones it is permissible to put billboards on unoccupied privately owned lots; however it is not permissible on city owned lots.

Sandwich signs are permissible on private property, but not on city property.

Deputy Mayor Coates closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Soderbloom (who is ill) has expressed concerns to Coates regarding the flat signs.

Deputy Mayor Coates moved to table any decision on the new Zoning Ordinance until the next regular city meeting of March 15, 2006. Zanon supported the motion.

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

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Peggy Shamion, CMC

City Clerk