

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006
2:00 P.M.**

The meeting was Called to Order at 2:00 p.m. in the Council 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, Ed Marcell, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion. Absent was Tom Beber.

Craig Richardson, Jere Fritsche and Casey Rose also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under New Business (d) Bid City Insurance; under Consent Agenda (O) Iron Conservation survey and under Public Comment introduce Casey Rose of WICSA.

AGENDA

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

The minutes of the Regular City meeting of February 15, 2006, Special meeting minutes of February 22, 2006 and the Public Hearing minutes of March 2, 2006 were all approved on a motion from Zanon with Coates supporting. All were in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Casey Rose who replaced Larry Deneau as operator of the WIC Sewer Plant, was introduced at the meeting. He has been employed in that capacity for five months.

Marcell moved with Coates supporting to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of (e), (k), (l) and (m) from it.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

The DDA Minutes (e) were discussed. Zanon wanted to know who will pay for the 20 additional hours that were granted to Basso & Basso for the Central School lobbying. Archocosky told him the DDA pays for that.

Zanon questioned the monies that are being spent on the Central School project and whether or not they are going to be reimbursed. Archocosky told Zanon that if the project goes through, the funds will be reimbursed; if it falls through, the DDA won't get any money back.

Waste Management correspondence (k) regarding an increase in tonnage was discussed next. Attorney Tousignant pointed out that the city has a 3 year contract with them and our rates would remain in tack until the contract expires.

**WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

Cloverland Hotel update (l) was discussed next. Someone from the DDA will contact Patti Waite of Martin Accounting (next door) and bring her up to date on recent developments with the Cloverland Hotel project.

CLOVERLAND

On the Pending Issue List (m), Zanon questioned the Mineral Hills Water Project and was concerned with how the project costs would be covered. Archocosky explained that the Stambaugh Water Tower Rental will be used to offset an equal amount of hydrant rental, which has been deducted from the formula.

FINANCIALS

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to receive and file the February 2006 financials.

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

Attorney Tousignant’s monthly report was reviewed. A Committee has met to review tower rental, and come up with some sort of rate to charge for use of the towers located on the water tanks.

**TOWER RENTAL
RATES**

Based on various factors taken into consideration, the Committee has recommended a \$100/month fee for the tower rentals.

Soderbloom moved to approve the recommendation of the Committee and start billing \$100/month for the State Police Tower rental. Coates supported the motion.

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

Zanon moved with Coates supporting to accept the Attorneys report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

At a recent Public Hearing held on the proposed Zoning Ordinance, some issues were raised regarding signs.

**REVIEW THE SIGN
SECTION OF THE
NEW PROPOSED
ZONING ORD.**

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to refer the proposed Zoning Ordinance back to the Zoning/Planning Board to re-evaluate the section regarding signs. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A letter received from Attorney Tousignant regarding the city establishing a Brownfield District was informational only.

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to purchase the new Police Car from Lindwall Motors.

**PURCHASE
NEW POLICE
CAR**

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

NEW BUSINESS

As per the City Charter, water rates need to be reviewed each year. Archocosky recommended to the board that no change in rates occur.

Attorney Tousignant recommended that the city modify the hydrant rate fee to \$1 in the City Ordinance. Archocosky disagreed and felt it should remain as is and if something needs to be changed it can be done prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to follow the recommendation of the City Manager and leave the water rates as is.

**MOTION TO LEAVE
WATER RATES AS IS**

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

In response to a letter received from the Iron County Board of Commissioners regarding a long-term lease for the Veterans Affairs, the City Property Committee will set up a meeting with George Brunswick to discuss the long-term lease for the Veterans Office.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to advertise city liability and fleet insurance with errors & omissions and police liability.

**MOTION TO AD-
VERTISE CITY
 INSURANCE**

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Attorney Tousignant informed the board that MERS is developing a health insurance package for municipalities, which the city may want to check into. Archocosky told the board that the city has already been in contact with MERS.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk