

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR/PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2006  
2:00 P.M.**

The meeting/public hearing was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Soderbloom presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present included Councilmen Ed Marcell, Ray Coates, and Roger Zanon, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson. Absent: Tom Beber.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Soderbloom announced the opening of the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive input regarding the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant Program Funds, which will replace deteriorated sanitary sewer system within the North Service District.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
HEARING**

Added to the agenda under Unfinished Business: (b) Resolution authorizing exchange of property with Hebert Construction. Under New Business; (m) Resolution supporting local control over cable franchise.

**AMEND  
AGENDA**

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

**APPROVE  
AGENDA**

The minutes of the regular city meeting of March 15, 2006 were approved on a motion from Coates and support from Zanon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE REG  
MEETING 3-15-06**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike Berutti of the West Iron County Public Schools handed out a revised sketch of the Nelson Field plan. The construction of a pole vault, long jump and high jump area are included in the plan. The fence will remain where it is. (See attached).

Marcell moved to approve the plan as submitted. Soderbloom supported.

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

**APPROVE  
NELSON FIELD  
REVISED PLAN**

Mr. David Sankey, who's business is located at 329 Washington Avenue, has been having trouble getting deliveries. He asked if the Council would consider re-naming Lay Avenue (Stambaugh Hill) to Washington Avenue. Tousignant and Archocosky will look into this.

**REQ FROM  
SANKEY STREET  
NAME CHANGE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion from Coates and support from Zanon.

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

**APPROVE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**FINANCIALS**

The March 2006 financials were approved on a motion from Coates and support from Marcell.

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

**APPROVE  
FINANCIALS**

Zanon moved to donate the same as last year (\$250) toward Project Graduation. Coates supported.

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

**PROJECT  
GRADUATION  
DONATION**

**REPORTS**

Coates moved to approve the attorney’s report with support from Marcell. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE  
ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Zoning/Planning Board has proposed a revised Sign Ordinance for the City Council to review. A public hearing will be scheduled.

It was moved by Coates and supported by Zanon to adopt a Resolution to exchange property with Hebert Construction.

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

**ADOPT  
RESOLUTION  
PROP EXCHANGE  
HEBERT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Property Committee has recommended the City and County Veterans Office enter into a License agreement. Coates moved to present this to the County. Marcell supported.

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

**PRESENT  
LICENSE AGREE-  
MENT TO VETS**

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 03, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. for the Interceptor Sewer Project.

The bid opening for this project is scheduled for May 10, 2006 at 10:30a.m.

**PRE-BID MEETING  
INTER SWR PROJ**

Mr. Todd Laturi, representing the Rodeo Committee, attended the meeting. The Committee is seeking Corporate Sponsors for the 2006 Rodeo. Coates moved that the City be a Corporate Sponsor, in the amount of \$2000, with all proceeds to go to charitable organizations. Marcell supported.

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

**CORP SPONSOR  
2006 RODEO**

The Cool Cities Blueprint Report Resolution was adopted on a motion from Marcell, supported by Coates.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Beber. Motion carried.

**ADOPT COOL  
CITIES  
BLUEPRINT  
RESOLUTION**

Mr. John Waite, of the First Financial Insurance Agency, which is located at 427 Cedar Street, requested that the alley at this location be abandoned. This request was denied as the City needs access to this property. A portion of the storm sewer is maintained and future infrastructure improvements may take place.  
Coates moved to respectfully deny the request to abandon the alley at 427 Cedar Street. Zanon supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Beber. Motion carried.

**DENY REQ TO  
ABANDON ALLEY  
AT 427 CEDAR ST**

At 3:00 p.m. Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing. No questions or comments from the public were forthcoming.

**CLOSE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Skateboarding/rollerblading issues were discussed. Soderbloom raised concerns about damage from skateboards/rollerblades, to recently refinished benches on Genesee Street. Concerns were raised about pedestrian traffic. Although the activity/sport is supported, she feels an ordinance should be drafted restricting these activities in certain areas of the city. She and Coates will visit with the attorney to determine which areas should be affected.  
Soderbloom moved to have the attorney draft an ordinance for the council to review. Coates supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Beber. Motion carried.

**DRAFT  
ORDINANCE TO  
RESTRICT  
SKATEBOARDS/  
ROLLERBLADES  
ON CERTAIN CTY  
STREETS**

As the Downtown Development Authority is currently working on a local Veteran's Memorial improvement project, Soderbloom moved to table a request from the Son's of The American Legion of Iron Mountain, and not donate funds for a memorial planned to be erected in Dickinson County. Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**TABLE REQ FROM  
SON'S OF  
AMERICAN  
LEGION**

Archocosky noted he will schedule a workshop and Public Hearing for annual review of the proposed budget, to be adopted on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Coates moved with support from Marcell to approve STS Consultants' proposal for Engineering Services-MEDC North District Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Beber. Motion carried.

**APPROVE STS  
ENGINEERING  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT  
NORTH DISTRICT**

Marcell moved with support from Coates, to approve a Resolution (#03-06), authorizing the submission of a Michigan Community Development Block Grant application for the North District Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Beber. Motion carried.

**RES GRANT APP  
N SWR PROJECT**

Coates moved approve a Resolution supporting local control over Cable Franchise. Soderbloom supported.

**RES LOCAL  
CONTROL CABLE  
FRANCHISE**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Coates questioned replacement of playground equipment. Archocosky said the slide at Bachman Park was removed because of safety issues. He is currently looking for a slide, and said the Council should consider modern equipment replacement be included in the recreational budget.

Final papers have been signed for the police car grant.

Marcell moved to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathy L. Anderson  
Deputy Clerk