

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING – PROJECT ISSUES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006  
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

Members present included Councilman Ray Coates, Roger Zanon, Tom Beber, Ed Marcell, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Clerk Peggy Shamion and City Attorney Mark Tousignant (2:06 p.m.).

Also attending the meeting were Suzanne Johnson, Adam Steinbrecher, Craig Richardson, Jeff Bal, Mike Gatzow, Dick Anderson.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the projects that are currently in progress or are upcoming. There are 10 active jobs of approximately \$4,000,000 of work.

**WELLHEAD PROTECTION** – Adam Steinbrecker of STS Consultants reported that all the engineering is complete. They are in the process of getting placemats with questions printed on them to be distributed to restaurants. (questions relating to local water issues) Signs will be posted for delineating the Wellhead Protection area. This is a 50/50 grant.

**WELLHEAD  
PROTECTN**

**INTERCEPTOR SEWER REPLACEMENT** - The total cost of the project is \$589,000. Replace sewer main from the old Sewer Treatment Plant under Genesee Street along River Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. A new method called pipe bursting will be used. This is a MEDC project with our match to be \$250,000. This area was televised in 2001 and is in extreme need of replacement. There will be a minimal amount of restoration required

**INTERCEP-  
TOR SEWER  
REPLACE-  
MENT**

**GIS MAPPING** – Kyle Sabotta a student at WIC High School is under a work study program and is taking all of the city’s mapping and connecting it to the assessment roll and all the plat maps. All sorts of data can be entered into the GIS System.

**GIS  
MAPPING**

**KOFFMEHL ROAD** – No date from Bacco yet as to when they will finish the project, but it was extended from last year until 6-15-06. They will reconstruct the road beginning near Stambaugh Ave going east to the city/township (Bates) line. The total expense to the city is \$69,500.

**KOFFMEHL  
ROAD**

**DDA LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS** – This includes the Time & Temp Clock restoration and the renovations to the War Memorial. The Time & Temp Clock project is estimated to cost \$20,000 –

**DDA LAND-  
SCAPE  
IMPROVE-  
MENTS**

\$30,000. The DDA is waiting to bid out. They were previously asked to put the project on hold in conjunction with the Cool Cities Programs.

**WAR  
MEMORIAL**

The War Memorial renovations will cost approximately \$20,000 and they are also waiting for the Cool Cities Program.

**FLOODING US2 & GENESEE St.** – A study has been completed by STS Consultants on this flooding area. They are working with MDOT on the issue. Manager Archocosky needs to find alternative sources.

**FLOODING  
US2 &  
GENESEE  
ST.**

**CURB & SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT** – This funding is currently on hold until new plans are developed. The first phase of the project is estimated at \$17,200.

**CURB &  
SIDEWALK  
REPLCMT**

**MEDC MINERAL HILLS SEWER** – A Public Hearing will be held. An aerial map will be completed shortly. Bidding is scheduled for mid-summer. Construction will begin August or Sept. This is a \$541,000 grant. The city should have the proper permits in about a month. James Location and Spies Location won't be affected at this time.

**MEDC  
MINERAL  
HILLS  
SEWER**

**IRON RIVER SEWER STUDY APPLICATION** - They are working towards a new project totaling \$7,000,000. No additional work will be done until the results of the Interceptor Project have been determined.

**IRON RIVER  
SEWER  
STUDY**

(Mark Tousignant arrived 2:06 p.m.)

**S2 MDEQ GRANT PROGRAM** - This is a 90% grant to pay for engineering. It's on a first come first serve basis. When you apply for the grant and if it is awarded to you, you are committed to the project. STS recommended that the city make an application for the sewer system.

**S2 MDEQ  
GRANT**

**IRON RIVER NORTH WATER PROJECT** – This was a Rural Development Project with a budget of \$1.8 million; and a 60/40 package. The city has chosen however, to move forward on a \$500,000 loan only project. The project will be on Mineral Ave to Homer Road from the connection with Central District. A 10" line would be installed, which will also increase fire flow.

**I.R. NORTH  
WATER  
PROJECT**

The interest rate on a loan today is 4.25% and in October RD will take 60% of the market rate which will be 2.8%. The design will start early this fall with bidding set for next spring.

**LALLEY ROAD SEWER** - This project started on 4-10-06, which was a continuation from last year. To date, 37% of the project is completed. This project has a deadline of 6-15-06.

**LALLEY RD  
SEWER**

**LIBRARY GRANT** – They Library is applying for a grant and they already have the matching funds for it. However, because of the type of grant it is, a municipality has to apply for it. The city is not financially responsible for it. The application needs to be submitted by the end of this week. The board agreed to proceed with it and they will act on it at the regular scheduled meeting of May 17, 2006.

**LIBRARY  
GRANT**

**IRON RIVER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION** – Iron River could possibly be a host city for the National Archery Tournament. which involves five states. They are asking that the city submit a letter of support. The board agreed to this and will put it on their May 17, 2006 agenda.

**I.R.  
BUSINESS  
ASSOC.**

Mayor Soderbloom suggested having a spring cleanup throughout town. Tousignant suggested having dumpsters put in neighborhoods and have neighbors monitoring the dumping in them, to try to get people to clean their yards up. An ad could also go in the paper.

**SPRING  
CLEANUP**

Mayor Soderbloom informed the board that a Recreation Plan needs to be established. Playground equipment is damaged and needs to be replaced. The Recreation Plan needs to be updated and all of the Councilmen agreed to remain on the board and update the plan.

**RECREA-  
TION PLAN  
AND BOARD**

There was some discussion about revising the compensation for the council members. The Charter need not be amended; the changes wouldn't take place until after the next council election. It was suggested that the Manager, Attorney and Clerk form a board and come up with a figure for the increase in pay. The City Clerk will go on the Clerk's website to get comparisons on council members compensation. This will be put on the regular city agenda meeting for 5-17-06.

**COMPENSA-  
TION FOR  
COUNCIL**

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Special meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk