

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 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.

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

Craig Richardson, Adam Steinbrecher, Alfred Perlongo, Ben Smith, Bill Leonoff and Jere Fritsche also attended the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting opened to receive public comment on the 2006-2007 budget.

**PUBLIC
HEARING ON
THE
BUDGET**

There was no comment at this time and Mayor Soderbloom said the Public Hearing would remain open in conjunction with the regular city meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under the Consent Agenda (u) Finance Committee packet of 5-17-06; Old Business (b) City Brownfield Authority; (c) Bids for Interceptor Sewer; New Business (lb) Engineering Agreement with STS for S2 Grant Agreement; (k) DDA request for Research Assistant.

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

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2006, Special meeting of April 25, 2006, Joint meeting of April 26, 2006, Public Hearing of May 3, 2006 and the Special meeting of May 3, 2006. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alfred Perlongo asked if the city has any plans to replace the roof on the dugouts at Bachman Park. He also asked if a barrier could be installed on the east side of the park to prevent cars from coming in there.

**BACHMAN
PARK
DUGOUT
ROOF, ROAD
AND
BARRIER**

Archocosky informed him that the city is getting prices now for a metal roof for the dugouts. He will check into the barrier on the east side of the park and grading the road.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to receive and file the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

FINANCIALS

The April 2006 financials and Check Register were approved on a motion from Coates with Zanon supporting.

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

FINANCIALS

Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve pay request #3 to Hebert Construction for \$149,862.12 for Lalley Rd Sanitary Sewer/Road Construction Project

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE
PAY
REQUEST #3
FOR LALLEY
RD**

Change Order #3 for \$2,435.70 for the Lalley Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements/Road Reconstruction Project was approved on a motion from Zanon with Coates supporting.

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

**APPROVE
CHANGE
ORDER #3
FOR LALLEY
RD**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to approve payment to STS Consultants for professional services through 4-29-06 for Lalley Rd Sewer/Road Reconstruction Project for \$7,907.63.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPROVE
STS INVOICE
FOR LALLEY
RD**

STS Consultants invoice for professional services through 4-29-06 for MEDC Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Design of \$16,670.50 was approved on a motion offered by Marcell and Coates supporting.

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

**APPROVE
STS INVOICE
FOR MEDC
SEWER
INTERCTR**

Soderbloom moved to introduce the Skateboard Ordinance.

**INTRODUCE
SKATEBRD
ORDINANCE**

As recommended at the last meeting the City Manager, Attorney and Clerk met to discuss Council compensation. The group has agreed that the city should appoint a Compensation Commission.

Soderbloom moved to introduce Compensation Commission Ordinance #25.

**INTRODUCE
COMPENSA-
TION COM-
MISSION
ORD**

REPORTS

Attorney Tousignant reported that he has been in contact with MICHCON officials regarding the improperly marked gas line which broke, when the city crew dug a water line. They have offered to settle this matter for fifty cents on the dollar. The original claim was in the amount of \$5,638.20.

**MOTION TO
SETTLE
WITH
MICHCON
OVER
IMPROPRLY
MARKED
GAS LINE**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to settle the issue with MICHCON for fifty cents on the dollar.

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

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to accept and file the Attorney's April 2006 report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Tousignant informed the board that the alley west of the former Fred's Pasty Shop has a garage on it, filled with personal property of Fred Stafford's. He, Chief Goriesky and Manager Archocosky have been working with Fred and his daughter to remove the garage and personal property, but unfortunately have been unsuccessful.

**FRED
STAFFORD'S
GARAGE**

After some discussion, Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to proceed with litigation if Attorney Tousignant is unsuccessful after 30 days of his next attempt with the Stafford's
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MOTION TO
PROCEED
W/CITY
BROWNFLD
AUTHORITY**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to proceed with developing a City Brownfield Authority.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing at 2:48 p.m.

**BIDS FOR
SEWER
INTERCEP-
TOR LINE**

Three bids have been received for the sewer interceptor line. Yalmer Mattila bid was \$598,649.75; Bacco's bid was \$726,672.50; and Hebert Construction's bid was \$787,000.00. The budgeted amount was \$589,175.00.

Archocosky noted that the prices will only go up if the city doesn't award the bid and he recommended to proceed after the attorney reviews the documents.

**AWARD BID
FOR SEWER
INTERCEP-
TOR LINE TO
YALMER
MATTILA**

Zanon moved with Soderbloom supporting to give the Notice of Award to Yalmer Mattila subject to the attorney's review.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION TO
APPROVE
BUDGET**

The 2006-2007 budget was approved on a motion from Coates and Zanon supporting.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Mayor Soderbloom noted that the council needs to plan a workshop meeting to set up a recreation plan.

**DUMPSTERS
IN
NEIGHBOR-
HOODS**

The board briefly discussed placing dumpsters in neighborhoods throughout town so property owners can clean up their yards. Manager Archocosky will check into the specifics of it.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve a letter of support for an Archery Tournament to be held in Iron River. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**LETTER OF
SUPPORT
FOR ARCHE-
RY TOURNY**

The City will be applying for a grant on behalf of the library on a motion from Coates with Zanon supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CITY
APPLIES
FOR GRANT
FOR
LIBRARY**

Marcell moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve advertising for the Stambaugh Housing Commission term of Mel Christofferson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**STMBO HSG
COMM
MEMBER
ADVERTISE**

Soderbloom moved that if anyone on the council or staff who wish to attend the MML Regional Education seminar on June 14-16 in Sault St. Marie get their registration into the Clerk as soon as possible.

**MML CON-
FERENCE**

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

Mansfield Township Memories Historical gathering was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

The city needs to adopt Resolution #4 authorizing the S2 Grant Agreement for the sewer project throughout town. This is a 90% grant to have a study done on a complete sewer system. The grant amount is \$133,000.00.

Coates moved Zanon supporting to adopt Resolution #4 authorizing the S2 Grant Agreement to have a study completed on the sewer project throughout town; and appoint the Mayor and City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

**ADOPT
RESOLU-
TION #4 FOR
S2 GRANT**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Soderbloom moved to approve STS Consultants engineering agreement for the S2 Grant Agreement; only accept this on the basis that the project goes through and the city gets a written letter from STS confirming. Marcell supported the motion.

**APPROVE
ENGINEER-
ING AGREE-
MENT FOR
STS RE/S2
GRANT
APPL**

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Mayor Soderbloom told the board that the DDA has agreed to hire a Research Assistant part-time to help with the Cool Cities Research Programs and would like the city to help with the cost for the Assistant.

**MOTION TO
SHARE IN
THE COST
OF A
RESEARCH
ASSIST**

Zanon moved with Soderbloom supporting to help the DDA with the cost of hiring a Research Assistant for the Cool Cities Research Program.

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

Confirmation has been received that the MEDC will allocate \$150,000 for demolition of the Cloverland Hotel and \$100,000 to

**CLOVER-
LAND
HOTEL**

make drainage improvements around the block. It requires a 10% local match. The city needs to adopt a resolution of commitment.

Zanon moved with Coates supporting to adopt a resolution to commit 10% match for approval to remove the Cloverland Hotel.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**CLOVER-
LAND
HOTEL
RESOLUTN
TO COMMIT
10% MATCH
FOR
REMOVAL**

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Soderbloom informed the board that the Business Organization recently formed with downtown businesses is moving ahead quickly. Their next meeting is June 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Soderbloom adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk