

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 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 Ed Marcel, Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Roger Zanon, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Mike Gatzow, Dennis Davis and Jim Penkivech also attended the meeting.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion from Coates with Beber supporting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

Zanon moved with Coates supporting to approve the minutes of the Joint meeting of April 26, 2006, Public Hearing/Regular minutes of June 21 and the Special meeting minutes of June 29, 2006. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**APPROVE  
MINUTES**

Mayor Soderbloom gave her State of the City Message. (see attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Penkivech was present and upset because it was suggested he had a junk vehicle in his yard and could be cited for it. He was also concerned that the Code Enforcement Officer didn't have a uniform on or any type of identification.

**JIM  
PENKIVECH  
CONCERNS  
WITH CODE  
ENFORCE-  
MENT  
OFFICER**

Mr. Penkivech said the Police Chief visited him the next day and apologized to him because of the ticket incident.

The board said they will check into some type of identification for the Code Enforcement Officer.

**APPROVE  
AMENDMT  
TO  
ORIGINAL  
CONTRACT  
WITH STS  
CONSULTAN  
TS FOR  
NORTH  
WATER  
DISTRICT**

STS Consultants presented the city with an amendment to their agreement for the original North District Water Project, resulting in the downsizing of the project. Attorney Tousignant has reviewed the contract and has no problems with it.

With that, Coates moved with Marcell supporting to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the original North District Water Project, which reduces STS Consultants contract.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda were approved as presented on a motion from Zanon and Coates supporting.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**FINANCIALS**

The June financials were briefly reviewed. Archocosky noted that the city ended up financially better than expected at the end of the fiscal year.

**FINANCIALS**

Zanon moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve the June 2006 financials.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve an expenditure of \$3,049.00 for repairs to the elevator.

**REPAIRS TO  
ELEVATOR  
APPROVED**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**REPORTS**

The Attorney's report was briefly reviewed. Attorney Tousignant reported that the documents have been drafted for the purchase of the Mineral Hills Chalet and he is waiting for Joseph Parker to sign the purchase agreement.

**MINERAL  
HILLS  
CHALET**

**OLD BUSINESS**

The former City of Stambaugh had a 40 acre parcel on M-189 located on the east side of the river. They sold the parcel to Shamion Brothers Logging with a two year reverter clause in it. The city would like to secure an easement over the property for utility purposes.

**QUIT CLAIM  
DEED TO  
SHAMION  
BROTHERS  
LOGGING  
FOR 40  
ACRE  
PARCEL ON  
M-189 AND  
DISSOLVE  
REVERTER**

Archocosky suggested conveying what interest the city has in the reverter and dissolve the reverter clause.

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to draft a Quit Claim Deed to Shamion Brothers Logging for the 40 acre parcel on condition that an easement is provided to the city.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Previously, a six month trial was imposed on the city meetings to start at 2:00 p.m. The time period has lapsed and a decision needs to be made on whether the 2:00 p.m. time will remain for the meetings, or change.

**TIME OF  
MEETINGS**

Marcell moved with Coates supporting to leave the city meeting starting time at 2:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve Michigan Municipal League as the successful bidder for the city fleet and liability insurance at a cost of \$63,375.00, for one year.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**AWARD BID  
TO MML FOR  
CITY  
INSURANCE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dennis Davis of Northern Getaway is requesting a portion of Amber Street be closed for his Grand Opening August 18 & 19 to allow a band to play outside and have a temporary bar. Beber moved with Soderbloom supporting to approve the request.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**APPOINT  
OFFICER  
DELEGATE  
AND  
ALTERNATE  
FOR MERS  
MEETING**

Coates moved with Soderbloom supporting to appoint John Archocosky as the Officer Delegate and Ray Coates as the Alternate for the 2006 Annual meeting of MERS in Grand Rapids, MI on September 19 – 21, 2006. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A request was received from a resident to purchase the old ball park behind Grant St. & Roberts Drive in the former Mineral Hills. After some discussion, Marcell moved with Coates supporting to table any further decision until more information is obtain. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**REQUEST  
TO  
PURCHASE  
BALL PARK  
IN SPIES  
LOC**

Correspondence was received from Dickinson-Iron District Health Department regarding Michigan’s Septage Waste Service Program. After further review, the board moved to table any decision. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The city has received notice that the Resident Commissioner on the Iron River Housing Commission has resigned. The board agreed to advertise the position.

**ADVERTISE  
FOR IRON  
RIVER  
HOUSING  
VACANCY**

Soderbloom moved with Zanon supporting to accept the resignation letter of Rev. Fredrick Kinsey from the Stambaugh Housing Commission and advertise for the vacancy. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**ADVERTISE  
FOR  
STAMBO  
HOUSING  
VACANCY**

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to reappoint Peggy Shamion to the Building Authority for another three year term. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**REAPPOINT  
SHAMION TO  
BUILDING  
AUTHORITY**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Soderbloom pointed out the vandalism that is taking place in the city parks. The board said that if this is going to continue perhaps the city needs to look into installing cameras.

**VANDALISM  
IN CITY  
PARKS**

Attorney Tousignant suggested enforcing a set of rules for the parks.

Archocosky said that the city has hired a Code Enforcement Officer now and they are checking into a uniform and a badge for the position.

**CODE  
ENFORCE-  
MENT  
OFFICER**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

**AMEND  
AGEND-  
EXEC  
SESSION**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

Beber moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk