

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Roger Zanon, Ed Marcell, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Rosalie King, Ron Basso, Adam Steinbrecher, Jere Fritsche, Diane Rostagno, Ben Smith, Jim Gibula and Terry Yackael also attended the meeting.

Additions to the agenda included under Old Business (d) DDA meeting request (e) Re-advertise Chalet. Beber moved with Coates supporting approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION FOR  
GLOBAL RESPONSE NORTH CORPORATION**

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comment regarding the request by Global Response North Corporation to be exempt from personal property from this day forward for the next five years.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING ON  
GLOBAL  
RESPONSE  
NORTH  
CORP. TAX  
EXEMPTION**

Ben Smith wanted to address some concerns he had regarding the request by Global Response. First he wondered who owns the generator, the city or county.

Manager Archocosky told Mr. Smith that the city owns the generator and have made application for the generator because the city qualified for a greater size grant.

Smith's next concern was whether or not the county still used the 911 system. He was under the understanding that if the power went out in Iron River, Global Response would still have power. He therefore felt that perhaps that 911 should be run through Global Response and save the taxpayers money.

Mayor Soderbloom explained that the majority of the time all residents have immediate access for emergency services by just dialing 911.

Archocosky said that later on the agenda, he is asking the board to approve a new communication system for City Hall, that would

operate during emergency circumstances.

Smith suggested that the board postpone any decision until some of his questions were addressed.

Mayor Soderbloom said she would keep the Public Hearing open in case anyone arrived at the meeting late.

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, Public Hearing/DDA Expansion meeting of November 13, Special meeting of December 4 and the Special meeting/Public Hearing Façade Improvements of December 7, 2006, as written. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry Yackel was present and is interested in purchasing property next to his home near the Chalet. The property is where the Chalet tow line is located.

After some discussion, Archocosky said he would redirect the issue to the Property Committee.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

With the removal of the DDA minutes of November 20, 2006 on a request from Zanon, Marcell moved with Coates supporting to approve all remaining documents in the Consent Agenda.

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

Zanon was concerned about the DDA minutes of November 20 which refer to a Rental Ordinance in the city. He wanted to go on record stating that he is opposed to this for the sole purpose of obtaining a grant.

It was explained to Zanon that unless the Rental Ordinance is in place it could also affect funding for other projects such as Central School.

Attorney Tousignant suggested a special meeting or workshop be scheduled at a later date to discuss the Rental Ordinance.

**FINANCIALS**

Diane Rostagno was present to discuss the 2005-2006 audit. The total assets equal \$22,007,279 while the total liability equal \$7,644,432, which leaves a net asset of \$14,362,847. The general account is the primary account. Revenues increased about 13% last year while the expenditures had an increase of 9%.

**2005-2006  
AUDIT  
PRESENTA-  
TION**

The city has operating revenue of 3-4 months which is very good.

Major Street account revenue increased, and both major and local accounts have fund equity.

**2005-2006  
AUDIT  
PRESENTATION**

The Debt Retirement account is used to pay principal and interest payments on various loans.

The water account revenue increased a small amount and expenditures decreased 5%.

Manager Archocosky said the board needs to consider a small increase in the water fund to remain at a steady level.

Zanon felt that hydrant rental should be put into the water account.

Sewer account had a \$2.1 million dollar fund equity at the end of the fiscal year.

RV Park has a net gain of \$4,400.

Archocosky informed the board that while making various adjustments in the office due to the loss of one position in a few months, he is thinking of contracting the payroll out to the private sector. He has already spoken to the auditors about this change and they already perform this service for other businesses.

Diane Rostagno ended by stated that the records for the city are in excellent shape and she enjoyed working with the staff.

Zanon moved with Beber supporting to receive the 2005-2006 audit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO  
RECEIVE  
THE AUDIT**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to accept the November financials.

**FINANCIALS**

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

## **REPORTS**

Attorney Tousignant reported that he has been in contact with HUD and they are trying to figure out a way to combine both Housing Commissions into one. He is waiting for them to come up with a procedure on how to handle the consolidation.

**HOUSING  
COMMISSIONS**

Regarding the DDA Expansion, Tousignant gave a brief synopsis on local taxing units opting in or out of the DDA Expansion. He said that the units can not opt out of anything that has been done in the past.

**DDA  
EXPANSION**

Manager Archocosky said that the city needs to meet with the County Board to discuss their decision to opt out of the current proposed expansion. The resolution they passed not only would affect Iron River, but Caspian and Crystal Falls Cities as well.

Tousignant will draft a letter to the county to try to see if they will meet with the city to discuss options available with the DDA Expansion. He recommended that the Manager and Mayor not attend a meeting to be held tomorrow with the DDA members and the County Board.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bids were advertised for a new communication system for City Hall. Only one was received from Sentinel Technologies. Archocosky explained that the city has a grant for \$9,500 to be put towards the new system.

**PHONE  
SYSTEM  
FOR CITY  
HALL**

Beber moved to accept the proposal from Sentinel Technologies in the amount of \$ and Soderbloom supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Ordinance to amend Chapter 150 Sections 150.04 & 150.16 of the Code of Ordinances will be discussed at a later date.

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting a \$500 revenue loss from their contracted \$2,500 payment due at the end of the RV Park year, due to the sewer construction project during the summer months.

**CHAMBER  
LOST  
REVENUE  
ADJMT**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to honor the request of the Chamber and deduct \$500 from the contracted payment.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The DDA meeting request of having the Manager and Mayor attend the Finance meeting of the County was not recommended by the City Attorney.

Archocosky asked the board for permission to re-advertise the Chalet property. He would like to list it with local realtors and perhaps give all local realtors a chance to list a piece of city property. This will be discussed by the Property Committee.

**READVER-  
TISE THE  
CHALET**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bids were advertised for Iron River's North District Sewer Improvements Project. Eight (8) bids were received with the low bidder being James Peterson Sons, Inc.

**AWARD I.R.  
NORTH'S  
SEWER  
PROJ**

Upon the recommendation for STS Consultants, Zanon moved with Coates supporting to accept James Peterson Sons, Inc. bid of \$658,611.65 for the project.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

No action was taken on the "Letters to Santa" request as it is illegal for the city to spend money in such a manner.

Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing at 3:44 p.m.

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve a Resolution approving exemption of Personal Property to Global Response North Corporation not to exceed 5 years (this will not affect any equipment up to this point).

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

An offer of \$750 was approved to purchase the Police Car from Herb Green, on a motion from Coates with Beber offering support.

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

Mayor Soderbloom recommended that Alfred Perlongo and Don Bastianello both be reappointed to the DDA.

Soderbloom moved with Coates supporting to reappoint Alfred Perlongo to the DDA with a term to expire 12-31-10. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Soderbloom moved with Marcell supporting to reappoint Don Bastianello to the DDA with a term to expire 12-31-10. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**CLOSE  
PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**RESOLU-  
TION  
APPROVING  
PERSONAL  
PROPERTY  
FOR  
GLOBAL  
RESPONSE**

**POLICE CAR  
SALE**

**REAPPOINT  
AL  
PERLONGO  
TO DDA**

**REAPPOINT  
DON  
BASTIAN-  
ELLO TO  
DDA**

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**Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk**