

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKSHOP – PROJECT UPDATES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007
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 attending included Councilmen Ed Marcell, Tom Beber, Ray Coates, Roger Zanon, Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom, City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Peggy Shamion.

Ron Basso, Jim Gibula, Adam Steinbrecher and Craig Richardson also attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to update all projects in the city.

Apple Blossom Trail Phase II- Is in the design state. U.P. Engineering will join the trail from the RV Park across the road on the side of Americinn, under the bridge, join below the STS office and over to 4th Ave. (near the Senior Citizen Center) Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

**APPLE
BLOSSOM
TRAIL
PHASE II**

Wellhead Protection Plan - Adam Steinbrecher of STS stated that the project is pretty much done. They are receiving public information now and putting placemats in local restaurants. There are signs located along roadways and the city is considering an ordinance pertaining to the Wellhead Protection.

**WELLHEAD
PROTEC-
TION**

Rural Development Sewer Application - Is on hold indefinitely and has been replaced by the S2 Grant.

**RD SEWER
APPLICA-
TION**

MDEQ Consent Order - U.P. Engineering did a study in 2000 of I&I in each community. Their findings resulted in the relocation of the billing and peak flow. This reduced the City of Iron River's allowable flow.

**MDEQ
CONSENT
ORDER**

WICSA was charging the city 87% of the I&I flow through the plant before the study was done, and now the city is being billed 74%. Manager Archocosky is trying to get the city's percentage back up because it's cheaper for the city to pay the fee than to correct the deficiencies.

The Mineral Hills Treatment System - Is completed. (Two wells have been installed for testing purposes)

**NORTH
DISTRICT
WATER
SYSTEM**

The North District Water System - Went from a cost of \$1.8 million down to \$500 thousand. The project will be bid in April 2007.

Zoning Map-Is completed and STS is waiting to hear from Jere Fritsche for his input, and then revisions will be made.

ZONING MAP

MEDC Lalley Road Sewer Project - The additional portion of the project is now completed by Hebert Construction. Clean up will take place in the spring.

**MDEC
LALLEY RD
SEWER
PROJECT**

MEDC Sanitary Sewer Interceptor – Project ran from 4th Ave to RV Park and is completed. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 17, 2007 for project closeout.

**MEDC
SANITARY
SEWER
INTER-
CEPTOR**

GIS Map System – The City is working with STS on free software for the system.

GIS MAP

North District MEDC Sewer Project – Awarded project to James Peterson, Inc. They have delivered all documents to get signed and STS is waiting to get easements completed. The project should start in the spring and should be done in July or August 2007.

**NORTH
DISTRICT
SEWER
PROJECT**

S2 Grant Project Plan – STS is gathering data and figuring out how to proceed with grants. STS will design a phase construction plan based on the S2 grant data.

S2 GRANT

MEDC Interceptor Phase II – Will run from 4th Ave West to Homer Rd. The project will start this summer.

**MEDC
INTERCEP-
TOR PHASE
II**

COOL CITIES - Jim Gibula compiled a Cool Cities Project Status Report sheet, which would project an overview of all ongoing projects.

COOL CITIES

A Steering Committee made up of Ron Basso, Char Soderbloom, John Archocosky, Julie Melchiori, and Jim Gibula was formed. They have been meeting on an average of 20 hours a week for several months. They will continue to update the status report.

CLOVERLAND – Final application has been submitted to the MEDC. Some changes need to take place and at the end of January a grant agreement should be in place to receive money to tear down the building.

**CLOVER-
LAND**

An environmental review has to be done and the city is waiting to hear from MEDC.

The Land Bank Fast Track has finally confirmed the property can be transferred. The committee is hoping the building will be razed in April 2007. When the building comes down, the title comes back to the city and it must remain in the city's name to for a minimum of 5 years.

CENTRAL SCHOOL – A developer has been approved and the building will be razed and the property converted to rental housing units. Hovey Companies will try to do something with the brick, but feasibly they will have to completely remove the structure. The new building will have 24 – 40 rental units.

CENTRAL SCHOOL

STREETSCAPE – A committee formed and are looking into redoing a plan for Genesee St. & Washington Ave, along with Lay Ave. (the portion of street between U.S. 2 and E. Genesee St – road in front of McDonald’s).

STREET-SCAPE

FAÇADE – Julie Melchiori was working diligently on this project with business owners and MSHDA kept changing what they were requiring the city to submit. The city could get a grant for \$200,000 and a match of \$200,000 would come from the businesses and not the city. The city did not qualify for round 2 but can reapply in this year.

FAÇADE

RENTAL REHAB – Commercial buildings with a business on the bottom and an apartment on the top (located in the DDA District) qualify for a rental rehabilitation program. The state would pay up to 75% of the project up to \$25,000 for renovations to the building.

RENTAL REHAB

If owners follow the guidelines and rent to low to moderate income people for the five years, the 75% loan is forgiven.

DDA EXPANSION & PLAN REVISION – This will include Washington Ave. in the former Stambaugh and no governing units have opted out of the expansion. The revised plan has to also include Stambaugh.

**DDA EXPAN-
SION &
PLAN**

INCUBATOR –The idea is to find a site to nurture more businesses and bring them into the downtown area. Julie Melchiori is checking with MSU to see if there is money to do a feasibility study for an incubator site.

INCUBATOR

Beber moved with Marcell supporting to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk