

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007
2:00 P.M.**

At 2:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order in the Council Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding.

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

Adam Steinbrecher, Ron Basso, and Bill Leonoff also attended.

Additions to the agenda included under New Business (h) Community Concepts; (i) Winterfest and (j) Smoking. With that Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the amended agenda as outlined above. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comment on the sanitary sewer improvement projects. The first one is the sanitary sewer collection system improvements on Lalley Road and Ice Lake Road for \$768,000. Hebert has finished the additions to the project and just has some "touching ups" to do.

**PUBLIC
HEARING ON
LALLEY RD
& ICE LAKE
RD SEWER
PROJECT**

The second project is the replacement of a portion of the sanitary sewer interceptor for \$445,500. Yalmer Mattila has completed this project.

**PUBLIC
HEARING ON
SANITARY
SEWER
INTERCEP-
TOR
PROJECT**

There was no other public comment, however Mayor Soderbloom said she will leave the public hearing open until the end of the meeting.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular meeting of December 20, 2006 and the Special meeting/DDA Expansion minutes of January 8, 2007. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

There was no public comment.

The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion from Coates and Marcell supporting .

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the December 2006 financials.

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

FINANCIALS

Zanon moved with Beber supporting to accept the Attorney's report for December 2006. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ATTORNEYS REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Tousignant handed out a copy of Ordinance #27 which amends the downtown development district. This amendment would include Washington Ave. in the former Stambaugh. The ordinance would go into effect 30 days after it's adopted.

ORDINANCE #27 - DDA EXPANSION

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve Ordinance #27 to expand the downtown development district.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve a request from the Iron Range Fire Association to use Bachman Park and surrounding area on July 21, 2007 for a "Guns-n-Hoses" fund raising event.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 - Marcell Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM IRON RANGE FIRE ASSOCIATION

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve Pay Request #6 in the amount of \$64,290.57 submitted by Hebert Construction and Change Order #6 in the amount of \$3,222.83, for the Lalley Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements/Road Reconstruction - Contract 1.

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

APPROVE PAY REQUEST #6 & CHANGE ORDER #6 FOR LALLEY RD SEWER /RD RE-CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Soderbloom closed the Public Hearing at 2:15 p.m.

Correspondence was received from Bates Township for a reduction in their rate structure for purchasing water from the city, due to an increase in their usage. They have two meters; one is from when they used to purchase water from Stambaugh and one is for purchasing water from Iron River. They are already getting a reduction in their rate compared to what the residents in the city are paying.

BATES TOWNSHIP WATER RATES

Some board members had concerns that if they give a reduction, other municipalities that the city sells water and sewer to, might request the same.

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to table any decision and allow Manager Archcosky time to review the rates with STS Consultants.

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

North District Water project (Mineral Hills) is within the confines of the existing rates. It started out as a \$1.7 million dollar project and is now down to \$600,000 (without any rate increase to the customers).

**NORTH
WATER
DISTRICT
WATER
PROJECT**

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to adopt a Resolution to authorize publication of a Notice of Intent to issue revenue bonds for the North District Water System Improvements Project.

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

Coates moved with Beber supporting to adopt a Resolution to authorize the reimbursement of funds spent in advance of the issuance of the bonds in keeping with federal tax regulations, for the North District Water System Improvements Project.

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

The Property Committee which consisted of Mayor Soderbloom, Councilmen Roger Zanon and Manager Archocosky have met and decided that the request from Terry Yackel to purchase another portion of property which is between his property and the Chalet.

**PROPERTY
COMMITTEE
RESULTS TO
SELL
CHALET
PROPERTY**

The members of the Property Committee have decided to put the Chalet back on the market and list it with a Realtor, and not split the property, as the value would decrease.

They thought that if the Chalet sells Mr. Yackel could approach the new owners to buy the land from them.

Manager Archocosky suggested contacting the local real estate agencies and see who would be interested in selling city property as it is requested.

Beber moved to accept the recommendation of the Property Committee in regard to separating the property at the Chalet and listing the Chalet with a realtor. Coates supported the motion.

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

Mayor Soderbloom noted that the Community Concepts Organization meets the 3rd Tuesday at Zippidy's if any board member would like to attend. The group has scheduled two market days; the first one will be during the Rodeo and the second one will be on the 3rd week of July during Rum Rebellion Days. Various events are being planned for the Rum Rebellion Days and the group is looking for more volunteers and ideas.

**COMMUNITY
CONCEPTS
EVENTS**

Winterfest activities will take place on February 3 in Caspian and a challenge was made for the cardboard sled race for Mayor's, Attorney's and City Manager's. Manager Archocosky and Attorney Tousignant have accepted the challenge but Mayor Soderbloom has opted out due to her recent surgery. However, Mayor Pro-Tem Coates has graciously accepted the challenge in place of Mayor Soderbloom.

**WINTER-
FEST
CHALLENGE**

Smoking in City Hall was discussed next. Manager Archocosky has been receiving complaints relative to the smell.

**SMOKING IN
CITY HALL**

Attorney Tousignant thought that according to state law you are prohibited from smoking in state buildings.

Manager Archocosky will check into the issue and see if any areas can be designated for smokers.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Beber reported that he is receiving complaints about the cable service in the former Stambaugh area. He wondered if Iron River Cable could be run up to Stambaugh.

**CABLE
SERVICE IN
STMBO**

Attorney Tousignant said they already overlap and if the cable company is willing to run a line for the customers in the former Stambaugh area, they could receive cable.

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peggy Shamion, CMC
City Clerk