

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present 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.

Others attending the meeting included Craig Richardson, Jeanne Nacius, Rosalie King, Fran Wills and Dave Clements.

Amendments to the agenda included under Old Business (e) Parking Issue; under New Business (m) Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation personnel issue.

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

**APPROVE  
AGENDA**

Coates moved with Marcell supporting to accept the minutes of the previous meetings held on January 16, January 17 (2) and February 6, 2007. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE  
MINUTES**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**FINANCIALS**

January 2007 financials were approved as outlined on a motion from Coates with Zanon supporting.

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

**FINANCIALS**

**REPORT**

The Attorneys report for January 2007 was reviewed. In addition to the report Tousignant noted that the city needs to acquire good title to the property where the PRV station was constructed in Mineral Hills. He is working with STS in this matter.

**ATTORNEYS  
REPORT**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Employees have complained about smoke in city vehicles and in City Hall. Attorney Tousignant researched the issue and provided excerpts of state law as it relates to smoking in public buildings.

Manager Archocosky drafted a No-Smoking Policy. Coates moved with Beber supporting to adopt the Non-Smoking Policy.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NO  
SMOKING  
POLICY  
ESTABLISHED**

Previously board members had a concern about the Sign Policy that was in place. Attorney Tousignant stated that the board has the authority to adjust the policy however they deem necessary.

After some discussion, the board agreed to hold a workshop to discuss both the Sign Policy and the Industrial Park Sign.

Mayor Soderbloom appointed Kim Busakowski to a 3 year term on the Compensation Board. Zanon moved with Coates supporting to approve the appointment.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS TO  
COMPENSATION BOARD**

Mayor Soderbloom appointed Rachael Erickson to a 2 year term to the Compensation Board. Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the appointment.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Mayor Soderbloom appointed Kurt Paro to the Compensation Board to a 2 year term on the Compensation Board. Beber moved with Coates supporting to approve the appointment.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Mayor Soderbloom appointed Peter Saigh to a 1 year term on the Compensation Board. Beber moved with Zanon supporting to approve the appointment.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor Soderbloom appointed Red Salfi to the Compensation Board for a 1 year term. Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the appointment.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jeanne Nacius of 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. was present and upset with the dumpster that has been sitting in the neighbor's yard since August of 2006. There have been violations of blight around the outside of the house. Pictures were distributed to the board to prove her point.

**NEIGHBORHOOD  
BLIGHT  
PROBLEM  
22- 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE.**

The Code Enforcement Officer has issued tickets to the property owner and they paid the fine, corrected the problem and create new violations.

**BLIGHT  
ISSUES AT  
22 – 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE.**

Manager Archocosky contacted the business responsible for the dumpster. He was told that the dumpster has been emptied a couple of times and is scheduled to be dumped again this week. The resident is current with their bill to them. Archocosky asked if the new dumpster could be placed in the back yard.

Archocosky also asked that if the board decides to change the ordinance, he hoped it would be written so it can be more easily interpreted for the Code Enforcement Officer.

After some discussion, Coates suggested to have the Police Dept. go to the residents and ask them to clean up their yard, and see what happens.

Mayor Soderbloom and Councilmen Beber will meet with Jan Brady of the Iron County Community Collaborative program to find out more about the program.

Iron County Pullers Association has requested the use of Bachman Park on June 17, 2007 for the Father's Day Car Show. Zanon moved with Marcell supporting to grant the request of the group.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**I.C.  
PULLERS  
ASSOCIA-  
TION –  
BACHMAN  
PARK  
REQUEST**

Wildlife Unlimited has requested a one day liquor license for April 21, 2007 to conduct their banquet. Coates moved with Zanon supporting to approve the one day liquor license. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**WILDLIFE  
UNLMTD  
LIQUOR  
LICENSE**

Correspondence was received from the Stambaugh Housing Commission requesting that board member Janice Colville be removed from the Housing Commission as she has only attended one meeting (Nov). Coates moved with Zanon supporting, that according to the City Attorney's recommendation on Public Act 18, Janice Colville be removed from the Stambaugh Housing Commission for repeated absence from meetings.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**STMBO  
HOUSING  
REMOVAL  
OF BOARD  
MEMBER**

Zanon moved with Coates supporting to advertise the vacancy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular city meeting is rescheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007 at 2:15 p.m. A Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

**RESCHEDUL  
ED CITY  
MEETING**

Marcell moved with Coates supporting to table any discussion on the Homer Location playground equipment as neighbors were

unavailable to attend the meeting. He would like the issue put on the next agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved with Zanon supporting to authorize any councilmember that wishes to attend the MML Legislative Conference in March, do so.

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

**APPOINT  
NANCY  
JOHNSON  
TO DDA**

Soderbloom moved with Beber supporting to appoint Nancy Johnson to the DDA with a term to expire 12-31-11.

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

**ESTABLISH  
ESCROW  
ACCT**

Zanon moved with Marcell supporting to establish an escrow account for the Rental Rehab and Façade Programs.

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

**GUIDELINES  
FOR  
RENTAL  
REHAB**

Coates moved with Beber supporting to approve the guidelines for the Rental Rehab and Façade Programs, subject to the City Attorney's review.

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

A retirement letter was received from City Clerk Peggy Shamion. She was requesting to use her personal and vacation time that was accumulated up to December 31, 2007 and officially retire on that day.

**CITY CLERK  
RETIRE-  
MENT**

Her second request was that she be given the same benefit that former Treasurer Joanne Swenski was given and that the city pay for her health insurance until she's 65.

Zanon wanted more information as to how much that was going to cost the city. He was also concerned that other employees would want the same.

Archocosky told him that the police and public works are locked into a five year agreement that would not allow them to make the same request. Further, he indicated that he does not intend on replacing Shamion at this time. Manager Archocosky will get some figures to the board.

On line utility bill paying is now available at the city. A form can be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

**ON LINE  
BILL PAYING**

Archocosky has received complaints regarding 3 handicapped parking spaces to the east of City Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Handicapped parking has already been designated on the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave in front of City Hall. He would like to see 3 spots open for 20 – 30 minute parking during the business hours of 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PARKING  
SPACES  
EAST OF  
CITY HALL  
ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE.**

Marcell moved with Coates supporting to establish a time limit on parking on the 3 spaces on the east side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. in front of City Hall.

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

Coates moved with Beber supporting to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation with a personnel issue.

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

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. into executive session.

Meeting resumed into regular session at 4:25 p.m.

Marcell moved with Coates supporting to go along with the Manager's recommendation to settle with Frizzo and pay her 50% of the total amount of health insurance she is entitled to, per arbitration settlement. She will be required to sign a document that relieves the city of any liability and not take any recourse.

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

**MOTION TO  
PAY FRIZZO  
50% OF  
INSURANCE  
REIMBURSE-  
MENT**

Zanon moved with Coates supporting to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Peggy Shamion, CMC  
City Clerk