

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007  
2:00 P.M.**

Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present included: Ed Marcell, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, Roger Zanon, and Mayor Soderbloom, City Manger John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Added to the agenda: **7. CONSENT AGENDA (I) Finance Audit Committee packet approved April 18, 2007; 11. NEW BUSINESS (h) Executive Session- negotiable union issues.**

Beber moved to accept the amended agenda. Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved to approve the March 19, 2007 regular meeting minutes and the March 27, 2007 workshop minutes. Marcell supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jackie Mianecki of 314 Lay Avenue is experiencing water and sand in her basement. She is concerned the foundations of the homes located in the area are going to deteriorate, and a bump in the alley could solve the problem. Archocosky will look into it.

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H2O IN  
BASEMENT

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent agenda was approved on a motion from Coates and support from Zanon.

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

**FINANCIALS**

Marcell moved to approve the March 2007 Financials. Coates supported.

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

## REPORTS

Coates moved to accept the Attorney's Report for March 2007. Zanon supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

One proposal was received for the Industrial Park Billboard bid.

Coates moved with support from Zanon to advertise again the Billboard License Agreement bid.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ADVERTISE  
AGAIN IND  
PARK  
BILLBOARD

## NEW BUSINESS

A presentation was given by Nancy Roberts of the Iron River Watershed Council on the Apple Blossom Trail Project. To continue Phase II of the project, permits from MDEQ, MDOT, and MDNR require signatures.

After some discussion Beber moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the permits needed to continue Phase II of the Apple Blossom Trail Project. Marcell supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE  
PHASE II  
APPLE  
BLOSSOM TR

William Vajk has distributed an economic recovery plan to the Downtown Development Authority members, City Council members, Julie Melchiori and Bill Leonoff. He asked if two people from the council would meet with him to discuss his ideas. Beber offered to meet with Mr. Vajk.

The agreement with STS Consultants for engineering services for the Washington/Lay Avenue, Spruce Street, to Evergreen Street Resurfacing/Reconstruction Project (STS No. 200700262) was reviewed.

APP AGREE-  
MENT STS -  
WASH/LAY  
AVE

Beber moved to accept the agreement for engineering services in the amount of \$39,262.50, for the above project provided Tousignant review the contract. Zanon supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RENEW MML  
MEMBER-  
SHIP

Coates moved to pay the Michigan Municipal League membership renewal invoice in the amount of \$2,806.00. Marcell supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Friends of the Heritage Trail request was deferred to the Downtown Development Authority.

Zanon moved to approve the request from the Project Graduation Committee for \$250.00. Coates supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

At 2:55 p.m., Coates moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss negotiable union issues. Zanon supported.

**EX SESSION  
UNION  
ISSUES**

At 3:50 p.m., the regular meeting resumed.

Coates moved to follow Archocosky's recommendation and choose the BC/BS reduced premium and self fund the Insurance to the current level as established by the Union contract. Marcell supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**INSURANCE  
POLICY**

Zanon moved to amend the City of Iron River Employment Practices to reflect the same changes in the insurance. Coates supported.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A grievance has been filed by Robert Dobson. This will be put on the May 16, 2007 agenda.

Coates moved to adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

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Kathy L. Anderson  
Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by:

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John A. Archocosky  
City Manager