

**CITY OF IRON RIVER MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007
1:30 P.M.**

Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Council members present included Ed Marcell, Ray Coates, Tom Beber, and Roger Zanon, and Mayor Soderbloom. Manager John Archocosky, Attorney Tousignant and Deputy Clerk Anderson also were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comment on the demolition of the former Cloverland Hotel, located at 423 3rd Street, as required by the State of Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. A draft of the budget was also reviewed.

Mayor Soderbloom opened the Public Hearing immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Al Gregg of Crystal Falls Township accused the city of not taking action several years ago and allowing the Cloverland Hotel to become blighted. Archocosky advised that the City has no control over the Cloverland as it is state owned, and has been for the past 6-8 years.

Ms. Patti Waite of Martin Accounting is concerned about a potential common wall problem with her business located at 425 3rd Street, and questioned whether the contractors responsible for the demolition are insured should any issues arise.

She was assured her concerns have already been addressed.

Budget amendments were discussed.

Beber moved to approve and the budget amendments as presented. Coates supported.

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

In accordance with the Charter, a draft of the budget was reviewed. A Public Hearing on the Budget is scheduled for May 16, 2007, at 1:45 p.m.

Following a lengthy review of the water rates during the Workshop session a motion was made by Coates and was supported by Beber that to remain in compliance with the City's Code of Ordinances, (Title V, Chapter 52, paragraph

52.68) the water rates be adjusted according to the following schedule effective July 01, 2007:

(c) <u>Rates</u>			
<u>District</u>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Northern</u>
Minimum Monthly Commodity Charge 4000 gallons	\$26.50	\$26.50	\$26.50
Commodity Charge Per 1,000 gallons over Minimum	\$6.62	\$6.62	\$6.62

And further it should be noted that the new rates have been established to satisfy the requirements of the USDA – RD original loan documents.

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

The Michigan Municipal League (MML) requested the City adopt a Resolution concerning the State Budget Crisis, and send to all state representatives and the MML.

Coates moved to support Resolution #6-07 concerning the State Budget Crisis. Soderbloom supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 – Marcell, Coates, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 1 – Zanon Motion carried.

The Public Hearing closed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson
Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by:

John A. Archocosky
City Manager