

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2007
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall, with Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Thomas Beber, Roger Zanon and Mayor Soderbloom. City Manager John Archocosky, City Attorney Mark Tousignant, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson also attended.

Citizens in attendance included Craig Richardson, Ben Smith, Peggy Shamion, Rosalie King and Fran Wills.

Added to the Agenda: **Unfinished Business: 11.** (b) Michigan Employees Retirement Savings (MERS) Health Care Savings Plan/Non-Union Employees.

The Agenda was approved on a motion from Beber. Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPR
AGENDA

The Iron River City Council Minutes of May 16, 2007 and May 23, 2007 were approved on a motion from Marcell. Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPR
MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ben Smith spoke about the Iron County Veterans.

CONSENT AGENDA

Coates moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Zanon supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

APPR
CONSENT
AGENDA

FINANCIALS

The May 2007 financials were approved on a motion from Zanon and support from Beber.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Beber, Zanon, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

APPR MAY 07
FINANCIALS

REPORTS

The Attorney’s Report was approved on a motion from Coates and support from Marcell.

APP
ATTORNEY
REPORT

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Zanon, Marcell, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion Carried.

A Cable Franchise renewal request (12. e) was discussed next, as the subject was referred to in the Attorney’s report.

TABLE CABLE
FRANCHISE

Coates moved to table and direct Tousignant to research the renewal request further before making any decision. Marcell supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Zanon, Marcell, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Peggy Shamion has requested that the City pay her health insurance until she is 65. Beber moved to table until additional information can be obtained regarding this request . Zanon supported.

SHAMION
REQ HEALTH
INSURANCE

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Zanon, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

The Health Care Savings Plan was reviewed. Coates moved to table a decision until more information could be obtained by the Attorney regarding possibility of employer’s compensation. Zanon supported.

HEALTH
CARE SAVING
PLAN

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Beber moved to approve a request for an assessment for the Iron County Community Schools Summer Recreation Program, in the amount of \$3,386.00. Coates supported.

COMM
SCHOOL
ASSESSMENT

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

A request was received from Mr. Paul Van Minsel of 73 Allen Street. He would like to clean up and maintain city property near his home for a park. Due to liability concerns, his request was tabled indefinitely on a motion from Beber. Zanon supported.

VANMINSEL
REQ MAINT
CITY PROP
FOR PARK

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Zanon, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

A request was received from Mr. Paul D. Mangone to purchase the alley directly west of four lots he owns in the Greiling Hilltop area. Tousignant advised an alley cannot be sold; an alley first has to be abandoned, and offered to the property owners affected.

MANGONE
REQ
PURCHASE
ALLEY

Zanon moved to direct Archocosky to research the area and make a recommendation. Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Coates, Zanon, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Marcell moved to approve Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Insurance renewal in the amount of \$52,972.00, subject to verification that it is the lowest quote received prior to approval. Zanon supported.

**MML
RENEWAL**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Coates, Zanon, Marcell, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Zanon moved with support from Beber to award the paving bid for East Mineral Avenue to Northeast Asphalt, in the amount of \$34,189.00.

**AWARD BID
PAVE EAST
MINERAL AVE**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Beber, Zanon, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

The North District Water System Improvement Project bid was awarded to Snow Country Contracting, in the amount of \$339,120.82, subject to loan closing, on a motion from Coates. Zanon supported.

**AWARD BID
IR NORTH H2O
PROJECT**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

In relation to the project above, a motion was made by Beber to send a letter to residents in the North district that they would have to connect to the new mainline by July 31, 2007. Zanon supported.

**LETTER TO IR
NORTH
MAINLINE
CONNECTION**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Zanon, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Coates moved to adopt a Loan Resolution for the Iron River North District Water Project in the amount of \$500,000.00. Zanon supported.

**ADOPT LOAN
RESOLUTION
IR NORTH H2O
PROJECT**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Coates moved to adopt a Bond Resolution for the Iron River North District Water Project. Zanon supported.

**BOND
RESOLUTION
IR NORTH H2O
PROJECT**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Coates moved to adopt an emergency Ordinance (20A)/Bond Resolution for the Iron River North District Water Project, in the amount of \$500,000.00. Marcell supported.

**ADOPT
EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE
20A**

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Zanon, Marcell, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Coates moved to follow the recommendation from the Stambaugh Housing Commission to re-appoint Vivian Leonoff to a 5-year term, which will expire on June 27, 2012. Zanon supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**APPOINT
STAMBO
HOUSING
MEMBER**

Coates moved to follow the recommendation from the Stambaugh Housing Commission to appoint Bill Swienty as resident Commissioner on the Stambaugh Housing Commission Board; term to expire on 6-27-2009. Zanon supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**APPOINT
STAMBO
HOUSING
MEMBER**

Zanon moved to re-appoint Treasurer Suzanne Johnson to the Iron River and Stambaugh Building Authority for a three (3) year term ending 6-30-2010.

Beber supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Beber, Zanon, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
BLDG
AUTHORITY
MEMBER**

Coates moved to re-appoint Bernard St. Germain to a three (3) year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals; term to expire 07-01-2010. Zanon supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Zanon. Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
ZBA MEMBER**

Coates moved to re-appoint Vivian Leonoff to a one (1) year term on the Brownfield Authority; term to expire 06-29-2008. Marcell supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Zanon, Marcell, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
BROWNFIELD
AUTH
MEMBER**

Zanon moved to re-appoint Terry Tarsi to a three (3) year term on the Board of Review; term to expire 07-10-2010. Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Marcell, Coates, Zanon, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
BOARD
REVIEW
MEMBER**

Beber moved to re-appoint Terry Tarsi to a two (2) year term on the West Iron County Sewer Authority; term to expire 07-01-09. Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
WICSA
MEMBER**

Coates moved to appoint William R. Commenator as an alternate to a two (2) year term on the West Iron County Sewer Authority; term to expire 07-01-2009. Beber supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Marcell, Zanon, Beber, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**APPOINT ALT
TO WICSA**

Coates moved to re-appoint William R. Commenator to a one (1) year term on the Zoning Board/Planning Commission; term to expire 06-30-2008. Marcell supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Beber, Zanon, Marcell, Coates, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
ZONING/PLAN
NING
MEMBER**

Beber moved to re-appoint Charlotte Soderbloom to a one (1) year term on the Zoning Board/Planning Commission; term to expire 06-30-2008. Zanon supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Zanon. Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
ZONING/PLAN
NING
MEMBER**

Beber moved to re-appoint Jere Fritsche to a one (1) year term on the Zoning Board/Planning Commission; term to expire 06-30-2008. Marcell supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Zanon, Marcell, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
ZONING/PLAN
NING
MEMBER**

Beber moved to re-appoint Ben Smith to a one (1) year term on the Zoning Board/Planning Commission; term to expire 06-30-2008. Coates supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Marcell, Zanon, Coates, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**RE-APPOINT
ZONING/PLAN
NING
MEMBER**

The Apple Blossom Trail Extension Phase II bid in the amount of \$129,841.25. was awarded to Great Lakes Marine Contracting, on a motion from Zanon. Beber supported.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Beber, Zanon, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

**AWARD
APPLE
BLOSSOM TR
BID GREAT
LAKES
MARINE**

Coates moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by:

John A. Archocosky, City Manager