

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
10:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom called the meeting to order immediately following the close of the Public Hearing at 9:57 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Roger Zanon and Mayor Soderbloom.

Absent: Thomas Beber.

Also present: City Attorney Mark Tousignant, City Manager John Archocosky and Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Citizens in attendance: Jere Fritsche, Nancy Timbrook, Craig Richardson of STS Consultants and the press, (WIKB and Iron County Reporter).

Zanon moved with support from Coates to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

Marcell moved with support from Zanon to approve the following Iron River City Council Minutes:

**APPROVE
IRCC
MINUTES**

- October 17, 2007 Regular Meeting
- November 08, 2007 Public Hearing-DDA & TIF Plans
- November 08, 2007 Special Meeting

All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Timbrook sits on the Discretionary Fund Committee for St John's Church which is located in the City of Iron River.

The Committee recently approved payment for a family whose water service was disconnected due to non-payment. She asked if the Council would consider lowering the current penalty structure as well as the time limit at which a bill is considered delinquent. She feels 60 days is too long, making it difficult for those seeking assistance to receive outside help. She also questioned the service charges when water service is shut off at the curb.

Archocosky explained the utility rates are reviewed annually and the penalty schedule should be a deterrent for paying late.

Mrs. Timbrook fears with winter approaching, current gas prices, and minimum wage jobs in our community, many families will struggle to pay bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

Coates moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Zanon supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Marcell, Zanon, Coates and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

**ACCEPT
CONSENT
AGENDA**

FINANCIALS

Zanon moved to approve the October 2007 Financials. Marcell supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Coates, Marcell, Zanon and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

**APPROVE
FINANCIALS**

Coates moved to approve the October 2007 Check Register. Zanon supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Marcell, Zanon, Coates and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Zanon moved to accept the Attorney Report. Marcell supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Coates, Marcell, Zanon, and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

**ACCEPT
ATTORNEY
REPORT**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A letter was received from Dorine Oplt whose property bid was accepted for a vacant city lot located at 330 Cherry Street. Ms. Oplt stated she did not see the property prior to bidding and would like to do so before finalizing her offer.

**330 CHERRY
STREET
PROPOERTY
BID/OPLT**

Ms. Oplt has since been notified (November 12, 2007) she has two weeks to view the property, and if she is not in a position to do so, her offer will be in default and will be sold to the next highest bidder.
Tousignant said this bid should be considered a legally bidding contract and all bids should be advertised as such in the future.

Zanon moved to follow the Attorney recommendation, which gives Ms. Oplt two weeks to finalize her bid on the vacant lot located at 330 Cherry Street, or said lot will be sold to the next highest bidder. Coates supported.
Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Marcell, Coates, Zanon and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Coates moved with support from Zanon to follow STS recommendation and approve Pay Request No. 7 to James Peterson Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$9519.28 for MEDC North District Sewer Improvement Project.

APP PAY REQ
7 J PETERSON
SONS N SWR
IMP

Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Marcell, Zanon, Coates and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

Zanon moved with support from Coates to follow STS recommendation and approve Change Order No. 5 to James Peterson Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$1555.04 for MEDC North District Sewer Improvement Project.

APPROVE
CH ORDER 5
J PETERSON
SONS N SWR
IMP

Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Marcell, Coates, Zanon and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

The North District Water System Improvement Project was discussed. Approximately 1600 additional feet of water line has been completed. Approximately 3000 feet of water line has yet to be replaced after completion of this project.

Marcell moved with support from Soderbloom to follow STS recommendation and approve the Third Draw request for the North District Water System Improvement Project.

APP THIRD
DRAW N WTR
IMP

- Snow Country Contracting; \$96,608.65
- STS Consultants; \$15,828.32.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Coates, Marcell, Zanon and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

STS received and recommends denying Pay Request No. 3 from Snow Country Contracting for the North District Water System Improvement Project. All information needed for this project was available at a pre-bid meeting; therefore any changes made during the project should have been anticipated.

DENY PAY
REQ 3 FROM
SNOW
COUNTRY

Coates moved with support from Marcell to deny Snow Country Contracting request for additional compensation for the North District Water System Improvement Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Zanon, Marcell, Coates and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Absent: Beber.
Motion carried.

A request has been received from a resident to purchase a vacant city lot located at 806 5th Avenue. Research of this property will have to be completed before a decision can be made.

REQ TO
PURCHASE
VACANT CITY
LOT

Zanon moved with support from Coates to authorize and advertise the above property provided it is of no usefulness to the City.

AUTH
ADVERTISE
CITY LOT

Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Marcell, Coates, Zanon and Soderbloom. Nays: 0.

Absent: Beber.

Motion carried.

A Workshop/Special Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the personnel policy.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT

There were no council member comments.

Soderbloom moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, Deputy Clerk