

IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008
11:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Room of the Iron River City Hall, with Deputy Mayor Roger Zanon presiding.

Members present included Deputy Mayor Roger Zanon, Councilmen Ray Coates, Ed Marcell, Tom Beber, City Manager John Archocosky, Administrative Assistant Faye A. Plessinger. Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom was absent.

Others in attendance were Ron Leonoff representing Friends of Nelson Field, Adam Steinbrecher of STS and the press (Reporter.)

Nelson Field request : Adam Steinbrecher, STS and Ron Leonoff , Friends of Nelson Field were present to explain the request of new playground equipment at Nelson Field with a 50-50 DNR grant. With a \$60,000 minimum, it can be matched with cash, in kind service, donations. Ron Leonoff stated FNF has \$25,000 available towards the grant and members are available for in kind service. They are requesting assistance from the City towards the grant with in kind service only. The City would be the grantee of the grant and would be in charge of the project with everything funneled through the city. The grant application is due March 31 and is required to have a public hearing before the next Iron River City Council Meeting. Coates moved the City approve the submission of the grant application for playground equipment with second by Marcell. STS will prepare the necessary paperwork for the public hearing to be held before the Council meeting scheduled for February 20, 2008.

Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Abstain - 1 - Beber. Motion passed.

Retirement options proposal: Manager Archocosky submitted a proposal from the firm of Nantz, Litowich, Smith, Girard & Hamilton of Grand Rapids for labor counsel services to be completed in two phases. An indepth review would be made by the firm and a report to the City as to the early retirement plan including incentive, options available, review actuarial costs from MERS and preparation of necessary documents. The first step would entail approximately 20 billable hours. Motion was made to accept the proposal agreement with NLSG&H with the agreement the first phase would not exceed the amount of \$4100 in billable hourly fees with authorization for Deputy Mayor Roger Zanon to sign the agreement in the absence of Mayor Charlotte Soderbloomn by Coates with second by Beber.

Roll call: Ayes – 4, Nays - 0. Motion passed

Coates moved with Beber supporting to adjourn the meeting 11:40 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried

Faye A. Plessinger
Administrative Assistant