

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
2:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

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

Citizens in attendance: DDA Chairman Jim Gibula, Stambaugh/Iron River Housing Director Jane Gustafson, Craig Richardson of STS Consultants, Stambaugh Housing Board member Willard Olson, and reporters Allyce Westphal and Wendy Shimun.

Amendments to the agenda: executive session/Hiawatha Country Estates litigation.

Approve
amended
agenda

Beber moved to approve the agenda as amended to include executive session. Zanon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved to approve the following Iron River City Council minutes:

- February 6, 2008 Special Meeting
- February 21, 2008 Public Hearing Closeout Sewer Project
- February 21, 2008 Public Hearing DNR Grant Nelson Field
- February 21, 2008 Regular Meeting
- February 27, 2008 Workshop Minutes

Approve
IRCC
minutes

Marcell seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Coates moved to receive and file the consent agenda. Zanon seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approve
consent
agenda

FINANCIALS

Zanon moved to approve the February 08 financials. Beber seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approve
Feb 08
financials

Beber moved to approve the February 08 check register. Zanon seconded.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Coates, Marcell, Zanon, Beber, Soderbloom. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Approve
Feb 08 ck
Register

REPORTS

The Attorney report was discussed. A meeting will be scheduled to finalize the Personnel Policy, Retirement Health Savings Account and current job descriptions. Archocosky and Tousignant will compile a separate personnel policy for any new employees. The County DDA opt out was discussed.
Zanon moved to accept the Attorney report. Coates seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Accept
attorney
report

Soderbloom offered a verbal report on the last workshop held. She will turn over to the attorney changes to the Council Rules of Procedure and Conduct for approval at the next regular meeting.
Coates moved to accept the report. Beber seconded. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Accept
Mayor
Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Members were appointed to the "NEW" Iron River Housing Commission. Since consolidation, the former Stambaugh and Iron River Housing Commissions have been in place; five members on each board. Approval was received from HUD to disband and create one "new" board. A type of lottery/drawing was used to select five individuals. City council members and office staff were asked to conduct the drawing.

Appoint
"NEW"
IR
Housing
Comm
members

Archocosky recommended the appointment of the following members and term limits. Terms will begin on April 1st, and expire on March 31st.

- 5 year term – Henry Krans
- 4 year term – George Brunswick
- 3 year term – Judy Mariani
- 2 year term – Marilyn Pennanen
- 1 year term – Willard Olson

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

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives from the DDA and City Council have been appointed to an Enhancement Committee to work on streetscape and other related projects. Jim Gibula, DDA Chairman has met with representatives from the City, MDOT and STS Consultants. An opportunity exists to combine efforts with the proposed MDOT Highway US2 and M189 reconstruction projects and DDA projects. Approximately 20 percent of the proposed improvements fall outside of the DDA district. A proposal (#200704520) has been received from STS Consultants for engineering services not to exceed \$32,000. Gibula requested

STS
Project#
200704520

the City join in a joint commitment to assist with payment of the proposal. The amount requested will not to exceed \$6,000. The DDA has already dedicated their portion. Archocosky recommended the City grant the request.

Beber moved to follow the Manager's recommendation and approve the request from the DDA for STS Proposal #200704520, for engineering services not to exceed \$6,000. Marcell seconded.

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

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project
DDA,
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Zanon moved to approve a request for an assessment from Iron County Community Schools Summer Recreation Program in the amount of \$3,386.00. Coates seconded.

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

Approve
ICCS req

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Beber commented the monthly recycling went well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:48 p.m., Beber moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss the Hiawatha Trailer Court litigation. Coates seconded.

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

Ex session
Hiawatha
Estates
litigation

The regular meeting resumed at 3:25. All council members were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Zanon moved to adjourn at 3:36 p.m. Marcell supported. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk