

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 18, 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.

Roll Call: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Thomas Beber, Roger Zanon and Soderbloom.

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

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson of STS Consultants, Mark Valesano, Wade Cross and Reporters Allyce Westphal and Wendy Shimun.

Agenda was approved with the following additions on a motion from Zanon seconded by Coates: **Consent Agenda:** 6. i) Finance Committee Packet, j) DDA Revenue & Expenditure Report; **Reports:** 8. b) Mayor, c) Fuel Committee Update; **Unfinished Business:** 9. c) Homer Park; and 10. **New Business:** l) Update sewer interceptor.  
All were in favor. Motion carried.

Marcell moved to approve the following Iron River City Council Minutes:

- May 20, 2008 Special Meeting-DDA Development & TIF Plan
- May 21, 2008 Public Hearing-08-09 Budget
- May 21, 2008 Public Hearing-ICCH Bonding
- May 21, 2008 Regular Meeting
- June 03, 2008 Special Meeting-DDA/TIF Plan modification
- June 10, 2008 Public Hearing-DDA Development & TIF Plan

Zanon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Valesano is running for Iron County Sheriff in the 2008 election. He introduced himself and offered a brief public service and family history and plans for the future should he be elected to the position.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Beber requested the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion: d) 5-13-08 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes and e) 6-16-08 WICSA Meeting Packet, to be addressed after Financials.

Beber moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Marcell seconded.

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

**FINANCIALS**

May 2008 Financials: Approved on a motion from Zanon. Beber seconded.

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

May 2008 Check Register: Approved on motion from Coates. Beber seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA-(for discussion)**

Iron River Housing Commission Minutes of 5-13-08: Beber questioned who sat on “new” Iron River Housing Commission. Has heard comments on the number of individuals who serve from former Stambaugh Housing Commission versus the number from former Iron River Housing Commission. Clarification was given on the method used to select the board.

WICSA Meeting packet 6-16-08: Beber questioned WICSA board compensating Chairman Mark Polley for meetings attended. WICSA representative Archocosky stated Polley had been selected as a committee member and had attended several meetings concerning the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan WICSA is attempting to acquire.

Beber moved to accept the above Consent Agenda items. Marcell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### **REPORTS**

Attorney Report: New zoning/planning enabling legislation was discussed. Tousignant and Archocosky will draft a letter inviting surrounding municipalities to determine interest in revising original West Side Plan. Changes will have to be addressed in City Ordinances.

Zanon moved to accept the Attorney Report. Beber seconded. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Mayor: Soderbloom, council members and administration recently visited 18 city parks. Security cameras are warranted in some areas. Set up meeting of Recreation Committee.

Fuel Committee Update: Several government entities have been analyzing possibility of forming a fuel “Authority” to save money on fuel costs. Archocosky will take the next step and request proposals.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Union Grievance: At the Regular Meeting 5-21-08 motion to deny with stipulation the Union and City agree to a thirty (30) day extension to further investigate. After further review Zanon moved to remain of the mind to deny the grievance. Coates supported.

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

Adopt Resolution modify DDA Development Plan and TIF Plan: Discussion was held regarding the Resolution. The Plan will go into effect thirty (30) days after publication.

Zanon moved to adopt Resolution to Modify the City of Iron River Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. Marcell seconded. (See attached).

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

Homer Park: Marcell reported the consensus of the neighborhood is to build a backstop (provided city supplies the materials), replace slide, cut grass. Marcell will donate basketball hoop. Request is referred to Recreation Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Adopt Resolution Brownfield Redevelopment Loan: Discussion was held concerning the possible cost to the City should DDA default on repayments for Central School environmental cleanup. The loan is interest free the first five years, payments will be set aside in escrow.

Soderbloom moved with a second from Zanon to adopt the Brownfield Redevelopment Loan Resolution. (See attached).

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

Adopt Resolution Sewer System Improvements Final Project Plan: Craig Richardson of STS presented the Sewer System Improvements Plan at the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.

Zanon moved to adopt the Sewer System Improvements Final Project Plan Resolution. Coates seconded. (See attached).

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

Adopt Resolution MLCC-Up North Bar & Grille: Marcell moved to approve a Resolution to transfer on-premises liquor license from Karen Bond to Michael Weber. Coates seconded. (In 2008 Resolution file).

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

Vendors license: No permit currently exists for street vendors. Archocosky and Tousignant will research.

Hospital expansion easement: Tousignant has seen document and recommends final approval. Zanon moved to approve the easement request authorizing Mayor Soderbloom to sign documents. Beber seconded.

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

MML Convention: 110<sup>th</sup> League Convention will be held on October 1-4, Mackinac Island.

Zanon moved to approve attendance for city officials. Beber seconded.

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

Iron River Building Authority Reappointment: Coates moved to reappoint Archocosky to the Building Authority; three year term expires 6-30-2011. Zanon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint Zoning/Planning Board members: Beber moved to reappoint Charlotte Soderbloom to the Zoning/Planning Board; one year term expires 6-30-2009. Coates supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved to reappoint William Commenator to the Zoning/Planning Board; one year term expires 6-30-2009. Zanon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved to reappoint Jere Fritsche to the Zoning/Planning Board; one year term expires 6-30-2009. Zanon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beber moved to reappoint Ben Smith to the Zoning/Planning Board; one year term expires 6-30-2009. Zanon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint Board of Review member: Zanon moved to reappoint Arthur Sacheck to the Board of Review; three year term expires 7-1-2011. Beber seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Dennis Carroll submitted a letter stating he will serve on any board where there is a need. Zanon moved to appoint Dennis Carroll to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; three year term expires 6-30-2011, and if he is interested appoint to Zoning Board of Appeals. Beber seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint representative WICL Board: Coates moved to reappoint Stanley Guzowski as city representative on the West Iron County Library Board; expires 7-1-2012. Marcell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Update Sewer Interceptor: A sunken curb was discovered while working on the project. Craig Richardson recommends replacement, approximate cost \$15,000. Coates moved to install new curbing. Beber seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5: Marcell, Zanon, Beber, Coates, Soderbloom. All in favor. Motion carried.

Property bids: Soderbloom opened bids received for the following city parcels:

Parcel #042-724-004-00. Minimum bid \$7500. Two received: Frank V. Lapore III - \$8260.00 and Jennifer Tousignant - \$7752.00

Zanon moved to accept Lapore bid. Should he default the parcel be offered to the next high bidder. Beber supported.

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

Parcel #054-204-007-00. Minimum bid \$1000. One bid received: Thomas Bernhardt - \$351.00.

Beber moved to reject bid, below minimum. Zanon supported.

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

Parcel #054-412-003-00 and Parcel #054-412-004-00. Three consecutive lots. Minimum bid \$800 per lot. One bid received for both parcels: Charles & Susan Langfeldt \$2400 for all three lots. Zanon moved to accept Langfeldt bid. Beber supported.

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

Comments: Archocosky reported the Property Committee has met. Several parcels have been identified. A proposal will go out to realtors to market the properties.

Motion to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. by Marcell, seconded by Zanon. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk