

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 16, 2008  
2:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

Mayor Roger Zanon 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.

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

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

Public in attendance: DDA Chairman Jim Gibula, Tom Angeli, Jere Fritsche, Craig Richardson, Julie Melchiori, Lori Hausworth and Melissa Powell Weston.

Agenda was approved with the following additions on a motion from Zanon, seconded by Beber: **New Business:** 10. g) Appoint Deputy Mayor, **Unfinished Business:** 9. d) TIF Status Report-Gibula.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

- 06/18/08 Public Hearing
- 06/18/08 Regular Meeting
- 06/27/08 Special Meeting
- 07/08/08 Special Meeting

Coates supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Iron County Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell Weston is running for re-election in 2008. She introduced herself and offered a brief biographical history.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Coates moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Marcell seconded.

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

#### **FINANCIALS**

June 08 Financials: Accepted on a motion from Coates. Beber seconded.

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

June 08 Check Register: Accepted on a motion from Marcell. Coates supported.

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

#### **REPORTS**

Attorney Report: Tousignant indicated he has been working on property sales as well as TIF/County issues.

Beber moved to accept the Attorney Report. Coates seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ZBA Appointment: Beber moved to appoint Dennis Carroll to the Zoning Board of Appeals; three (3) year term expires 07-01-2011. Marcell seconded.

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

Vendors License: After discussion the consensus is to direct Tousignant to develop policy concerning use of city property.

Union Grievance: Union officials request for a 60 day extension (Log Number: A19441-1424-08) was tabled on a motion from Beber. Tousignant and Archocosky to research further. Coates seconded.

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

TIF Status Report: DDA Chairman Gibula gave an update on the TIF/County issue. At the next DDA meeting he will recommend the DDA accept the County Tax Sharing Proposal received in May, going further by offering to make the 3% already proposed (Section 2. e), be a percentage of the total growth of taxes collected; creating a variable.

Beber moved to support the DDA position, Coates seconded.

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

Tousignant recommended the Clerk file with the Secretary of Treasury a copy of the Revised 2008 DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan as required by statute; and the Treasurer continue to collect and disperse as in the past.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Iron County Green Day: G.R.E.E.N. Up North Conference will be held July 23, 2008.

Iron County Heritage Trail Pathway Study Presentation: Lori Hausworth, (WUPPDR) and Julie Melchiori, (MSU) introduced proposed bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting the cities of Crystal Falls and Iron River. Grant funding will be sought. City of Iron River's share is \$14,000. They may request funding at a later date. Archocosky advised dollars are budgeted for non-motorized transportation.

Coates moved to support the project. Beber supported. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Pay Request MEDC Sanitary Sewer Interceptor: Beber moved to approve payment to STS in the amount of \$3,200. Marcell seconded.

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

Pay Request No. 3 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor: Beber moved to approve payment to Barley Excavating in the amount of \$83,619.13. Coates seconded.

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

Change Order No. 4 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor: Marcell moved to approve payment to Barley Excavating in the amount \$5,282.89. Beber seconded.

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

MEDC Final Grant Payment Request: Beber moved to approve the final Grant Payment Request in the amount of \$67,626.44. Coates seconded.

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

Appoint Deputy Mayor: Beber moved and Coates seconded to appoint Edward Marcell Deputy Mayor. Marcell declined. Motion failed.

Coates moved to appoint Thomas Beber Deputy Mayor. Marcell seconded.  
Roll Call: Ayes: 4: Beber, Marcell, Coates, Zanon. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Beber stated he hopes to get the TIF issue resolved. All were in agreement.

Coates questioned street names in Riverside area. Archocosky said this will be addressed as part of the Streetscape Project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Coates moved to adjourn at 3:32 p.m. Zanon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk