

IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
Wednesday, August 20, 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, Michael Brozak and Zanon.
Zanon welcomed newly appointed council member Michael Brozak.

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

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson, Rosalie King, Ed Rauterkus and Reporters Wendy Shimun (WIKB) and Allyce Westphal (IC Reporter).

Agenda was approved with the following amendments on a motion from Beber, seconded by Zanon: **Financials:** 7. a) July 08 Financials, b) July 08 Check Register; **Unfinished Business:** 11. c) City Property Proposals; **New Business:** 12. j) Appoint representative and alternate MML Conference, k) RV Park, moving Executive Session to 12. l).

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Coates moved to receive and file the following Iron River City Council Minutes:

- 07-16-08 Regular Meeting
- 07-28-08 Special Meeting
- 07-31-08 Special Meeting

Beber seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosalie King stated the Iron County Board is researching the GIS parcel mapping proposal. County office personnel she has been in contact with do not feel it will benefit the County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Beber congratulated the West Iron County Fire Department on winning the overall championship at the U.P Firefighters Tournament held in Houghton on July 24-26.

Coates moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Marcell seconded.

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

REPORTS

Attorney Report: Report was reviewed. Beber moved to accept and file Attorney report. Coates seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

July 08 Financials: Accepted on a motion from Zanon. Brozak seconded.

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

July 08 Check Register: Accepted on a motion from Coates. Beber seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grievance Settlement: Archocosky and Tousignant recommend City settle Powell grievance filed March 23, 2008 in the amount of \$379.00, (half the amount Powell incurred as a result of dental benefit year); \$379.00 was also paid by the Union as the full amount was \$758.00. Arbitration will not be cost effective.

Beber moved to agree to the Powell grievance settlement in the amount of \$379.00. Marcell seconded.

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

Archocosky will contact BC/BS; attempt to simplify insurance procedure for AFSME employees.

Health Care Savings Program non-union employees: Language conflict discovered in the adopted plan. Archocosky and Tousignant will work with MERS to correct.

City Property Proposals: One proposal received from Wild Rivers Realty. Some details need to be worked out.

Coates moved to direct Tousignant and Archocosky to meet with Wild Rivers Realty broker, present to Property Committee final proposal and proceed with property transactions. Beber seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Pay Request No. 4 North District Water System~Snow Country Contracting \$5000: This is the final draw and project will be closed out.

Coates moved to approve above pay request, \$5000. Marcell seconded.

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

Pay Request No. 4 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor~Barley Excavating \$61,504.37: Coates moved to approve above pay request, \$61,504.37. Marcell seconded.

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

Change order No. 5 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor~Barley Excavating \$13,401.84: Zanon moved to approve above change order, \$13,401.84. Beber seconded.

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

Compensation for Housing Commission: Tousignant stated statute reads board members “shall not receive compensation.” Direct staff to contact Director Jane Gustafson to contact HUD for definitive answer.

Beber moved to table Coates seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint WIC Fire Authority Member: Coates moved to appoint Archocosky representative on the West Iron County Fire Authority. Beber seconded. Residency can no longer be required as a result of laws.

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

Resolution Alice’s Inc: Coates moved to approve Resolution – additional storage space, Alice’s Inc. Marcell seconded.

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

Blade quote: Three quotes received: D.A. MacPherson, Inc. - \$3577.31, Midstates Blade & Chain - \$3801.80, H&L Mesabi - \$3507.85.

Beber moved to accept the low quote from H&L Mesabi, \$3,507.85. Brozak seconded.

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

Ice Control sand quote: Two quotes received: Lawrence J. Wiegand Excavating - \$10,750.00, James A. Spicer - \$4,400.00.

Beber moved to accept low quote from James M. Spicer, Inc., \$4400.00. Zanon seconded.

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

Request for Insurance Reimbursement~Rauterkus: Rauterkus claims sent EOB for services from 7/26/07 to Vantage Flex; Vantage Flex has no record of receiving claim. Coates moved to pay reimbursement request in the amount of \$1,491.80, and add provision to the current policy that all unpaid claims be accompanied by supporting documentation. Brozak seconded.

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

Appoint Representative and Alternate MML Convention: Beber moved to appoint Archocosky representative and Marcell as alternate to the MML Convention. Zanon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RV Park: A request has been received from the Chamber of Commerce to expand water and electric services to sites 9 through 22 at the RV Park. Zanon moved to appoint Beber and Zanon to a committee to meet with Executive Director Bill Leonoff to discuss possible expansion to sites. Beber seconded.

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

Executive Session ~ Employee Issue: Beber moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:13 p.m. Zanon seconded.

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

Regular meeting back in session at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Marcell, Coates, Beber, Brozak, Zanon.

Employee Issue: Carol Larochelle has submitted a request to retire on January 23, 2009. The following conditions outlined in request:

- Open window MERS
- Retained part time for 21 months-contractual basis after 30 days separated from MERS
- City pay 2/3 single person insurance-21 months
- She will receive no additional benefits

Marcell moved to accept retirement of Carol LaRochelle as proposed on condition a new benefit package is in place before any new employees are hired. Beber seconded.

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

Council Member Comments: Recycle program was discussed.

Zanon moved to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. All were in favor.