

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 13, 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.

Roll Call: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Michael Brozak and Zanon.

Absent: Thomas Beber (Dr. Appt.).

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

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

Amendments to agenda: 10. d) **New Business:** Stop light at 4th Avenue and Genesee Street intersection.

Zanon moved to approve agenda as amended. Coates seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- 10-15-08 Public Hearing
- 10-15-08 Regular Meeting

Marcell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Iron County Commissioner Rosalie King gave an update on county business. They are waiting to hear back from WUPPDER concerning GIS mapping. The 911 committee is forming a central dispatch group to research the possibility of other communities purchasing 911 services from Iron County.

Consent Agenda

Coates moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Brozak seconded.

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

Attorney Report

Attorney (verbal): Tousignant reported the Central School cleanup is progressing.

Word has been received from manufacturer of city fire hydrants that a recall has been issued.

Coates moved to designate Manager and Attorney to determine the most cost effective route to take to repair hydrants. Brozak seconded.

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

Financials

October 08 Check Register: Accepted on a motion from Coates. Marcell seconded.

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

October 08 Financials: Accepted on a motion from Coates. Zanon seconded.

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

Unfinished Business

Appoint Brownfield Authority Member: Coates moved to appoint Arthur (Bernie) Scheck to the Brownfield Authority; term expires 06-30-2011. Marcell seconded.

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

DDA Chairman James Gibula's seat expires on December 31, 2008. Due to the depth of current projects Zanon moved to appoint Gibula Chairman of the DDA (not advertise) pending determination by city attorney that it is legal to do so. Marcell seconded.

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

S2 Grant – STS Presentation: Craig Richardson and Jeff Bal of STS gave an update on the status of the S2-SRF Grant. Full submission of the application is required by December 1, 2008. Alternative funding scenarios were discussed.

It was moved by Coates to not move forward at this time and wait until the next round. STS will provide engineering proposals at the next meeting for the S2 project. Brozak seconded.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Radio tower rental: The city currently rents tower space for a monthly fee. The West Iron County Fire Department (WICFD) utilizes space on the Reagan Avenue water tank. The possibility of WICFD relocating their communications to the Hunter Road communications tower was discussed, as well as establishing a monthly fee.

WICFD member Archcosky will offer a proposal to the West Iron County Fire Authority at their next regular meeting.

Brozak moved to table the item until more information can be collected. Coates seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Employee policy – new hires: Archcosky presented a proposal for non-union employees hired after January 1, 2008. Amendments to the current policy were reviewed.

Brozak moved to incorporate amendments to the policy with revision to Section 7 Personal and Vacation Time Off (PTO): A. from 120 hours a year to 96. (see attached).

Solid waste proposals: Three (3) proposals received. Archcosky presented a draft comparison based on proposals received from Veolia, GAD and Waste Management. Details still need to be worked out. A detailed assessment of proposals will be presented for consideration at or before the December meeting.

Stop light at 4th Avenue and Genesee Street intersection: Coates raised concern about a problem with the light; it appears to be backing up traffic. Archcosky will contact MDOT.

Council member comments

Brozak noted the curfew siren sounds at 9:00 p.m. and not 10:00 p.m. as in the past.

Marcell moved to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.