

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 17, 2008  
2:00 PM  
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, Thomas Beber, Michael Brozak and Zanon.  
Also present: Manager John Archocosky, Attorney Mark Tousignant and Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Public in attendance: Charlotte Soderbloom, Rosalie King, Ben Smith, Craig Richardson and Reporters Allyce Westphal (IC Reporter) and Wendy Shimun (WIKB).

Amendment to Agenda: **Unfinished Business**: 10. a) Insurance request.  
Beber moved to approve the agenda as amended. Coates seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- 11-13-08 Regular Meeting

Coates seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

On behalf of the Rodeo Committee, Wendy Shimun updated progress thus far for the 2009 Rodeo festivities.

County Commissioner Rosalie King commended the Rodeo Committee efforts and gave an update on County Business. They are still working on the GIS mapping and the possibility of a 911 Central Dispatch.

**Consent Agenda**

Coates moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Brozak seconded.

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

**Reports**

Attorney: Fire hydrant repair was discussed. Archocosky stated the DPW will repair the hydrants in house.

We are waiting for final documents for environmental cleanup at Central School.

The S2 Sewer Project was discussed. Coates moved to accept the Attorney Report. Brozak seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Financials**

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

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

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

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

**Unfinished Business**

Insurance request: Former employee Peggy Shamion has requested the City begin her retirees' insurance payout of two-thirds (2/3's) of the cost of the employee single premium for hospital and medical insurance for 36 months. Shamion retired under the old plan which permitted payout for 36

months between the ages of 62 and 65. She has requested she be allowed to receive payout under the new policy which allows for immediate payout.

Coates moved to approve Shamion's request to begin the monthly payout for hospital and medical insurance for 36 months. Marcell seconded.

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

### **New Business**

DDA vacancy: One letter of interest was received from Jim Gibula.

Coates moved to follow Downtown Development Authority (DDA) recommendation and appoint Jim Gibula Chairman of the DDA, term expires 12-31-2012. Brozak seconded.

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

2009 Finance Audit Committee schedule: Accepted on a motion from Coates. Beber seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2009 City Property Committee schedule: Accepted on a motion from Coates, Beber seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

STS/AECOM Proposal–S2 SRF Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (STS Project # 200804934):

A project recap was given by Craig Richardson of STS/AECOM. System needs and/or deficiencies were prioritized.

Grant monies have become available to fund the project due to larger municipalities withdrawing their loan requests. MDEQ is offering funding in the form of a 20 year loan at 2.50 percent (%). Anticipated loan closing is September 21, 2009.

The project will be paid for with users fees currently collected by the ACO mandated MDEQ reserve account, which results in no rate increase to users. Tousignant noted we could withdraw in between phases from the project without penalty. MDEQ is requiring a Milestone Schedule be adopted.

Zanon moved to adopt the MEDQ State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project Milestone Schedule for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financing in Fiscal Year 2009. Beber seconded.

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

STS/AECOM submitted a contract for Engineering Services for the S2-SRF Project in the amount of \$277,300.00. Archocosky questioned STS/AECOM if the contract language permitted the city to cancel the engineering services if they choose to do so; Richardson said they could.

Beber moved to enter into an agreement for engineer and professional services with STS/AECOM for design and construction services for the S2 SRF Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the amount of \$277,300.00. Marcell seconded.

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

STS/AECOM Proposal #200805147 – Water System Long Term Planning: Recent maintenance performed at Well House #4 has led to other maintenance issues that were not anticipated. The city currently operates four (4) Well Houses. Upgrades, replacement and possibly abandoning one or more was discussed. Archocosky recommended an evaluation of the system be conducted to determine possible cost savings to the City.

Beber moved to follow Manager's recommendation and accept the above proposal from STS/AECOM to complete a long term plan for the City's Water Distribution System; charges not to exceed \$3500.00. Marcell seconded.

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

Annexation: There has been some discussion regarding possible expansion of the Iron River Country Club. To enable future expansion Archocosky felt that because the City already services the Club with all major infrastructure they may be financially impacted by any physical expansion that takes place. Archocosky noted that 2/3 of the property considered for development currently lies within Stambaugh Township and suggested that the City consider annexation of the parcels.

Brozak moved and Marcell seconded to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution to File a Petition with the State Boundary Commission to Annex the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 –NW ¼); the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE ¼- NW ¼); and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW ¼-NE ¼) All in Section 2, Township 42 North, Range Thirty Five West, Stambaugh Township, Iron County, Michigan.

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

ORV Ordinance: The Iron County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a Public Hearing December 23, 2008 to consider adoption of an ORV Ordinance. The City's current ORV Ordinance may have to be changed or re-adopted at a later date. Tousignant recommended no action be taken at this time.

Solid Waste Proposals: A recap of three (3) proposals was reviewed. Great American Disposal (GAD) proposal appears to be the significantly less than Waste Management and Viola. Tousignant is not comfortable with the contract language; and will meet with GAD officials. The Solid Waste Committee will meet again to review current ordinance and work out bag limit details, etc.

Beber moved to table Solid Waste Proposal until the end of January 2009. Coates seconded.

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

AT&T Metro Act Permit Extension request: Tousignant recommends approving the existing METRO Act Permit request to March 31, 2011.

Marcell moved to approve the above request. Coates seconded.

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

### **Council Member Comments**

Beber noted that the Christmas lights have not been on in Iron River south area.

Coates commended the Rodeo Committee, Community Concepts and Fire Department for pulling together to make area community projects successful.

Brozak directed staff to send a letter to the West Iron County football team for a fine year representing our community.

Zanon moved to adjourn at 4:03 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk