

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2009
1:00 PM
MINUTES**

Mayor Roger Zanon called the Special Meeting to order at 1:00 pm 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.
Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager John Archocosky, Treasurer Suzanne Johnson and Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Public in Attendance: Ben Smith.

Approval of Bills over \$1000:

Coates moved; Marcell seconded to approve the following invoices over \$1,000.

- Iron County Reporter: \$1,020
- Mark D. Tousignant: \$3,060
- Standard & Poor's: \$3,500
- Zarnoth Brush Works: \$1,065

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

2008/2009 Budget Amendments:

Discussion on the 2009/2010 “draft” Budget and 2008/2009 Budget Amendments followed.

Cemetery expenses have increased. Archocosky explained that we have been leveling property north of the existing cemetery for possible expansion at a later date, and this work was not included in the original 08/09 budget.

Activity in the Brownfield Authority is due to cleanup at the Central School site.

The Water Fund took a hit due to the cold winter which caused water line freeze-ups, a well house went down, and the Hunter Road water tank froze up. A representative from Michigan Rural Water Association will be here on June 23, 2009, to conduct a water and sewer rate study. The last water rate increase was July 2007.

Beber moved to approve the proposed 2008/2009 Budget Amendments (See attached). Brozak seconded.

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

Appoint Compensation Committee Members:

Brozak moved to re-appoint Kim Busakowski to the Compensation Committee. Term expires September 30, 2012. Marcell seconded.

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

Rachel Andreski, a member of the Compensation Committee, was hired by the City in January 2009. According to City Ordinance, she is now ineligible to remain on this Committee.

Brozak moved to appoint Nikki Weslin to serve the remainder of Andreski's unexpired term. Term expires September 30, 2013. Marcell seconded.

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

Executive Session – Annexation:

Beber moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss Annexation at 1:38 p.m. Coates seconded.

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

The Special Meeting resumed at 1:48 p.m.

Roll Call: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Thomas Beber, Michael Brozak, Roger Zanon.

Absent: None.

Annexation:

Brozak moved to put the proposed Annexation request on hold and direct Archocosky to contact the State Boundary Commission requesting to suspend the Public Hearing scheduled for June 25, 2009, for a minimum of 90 days. Beber seconded.

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

Council Member Comments:

We have not heard from the County regarding the TIF appropriation.

The West Iron County Fire Department has volunteered to install new playground equipment at Nelson Field.

Brozak moved to adjourn at 2:08 p.m. Zanon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk