

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
2 PM
Minutes**

Mayor Roger Zanon called the meeting to order at 2 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.

Absent: None.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Added to the Agenda: 10. a) Unfinished Business; Middle School, 11. d) New Business; AECOM Proposal, 11. e) Employee Benefits Service Agreement.

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

Public in attendance: Rosalie King, Thomas King, Craig Richardson, and Reporters Wendy Shimun (WIKB), Allyce Westphal (IC Reporter) and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

Coates moved; Beber seconded, to receive and file the following Iron River City Council Minutes:

- September 16, 2009 Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
- October 1, 2009 Special Meeting
- October 6, 2009 Public Hearing

All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner Rosalie King attended a meeting of the Iron River Site Council. She noted that they are losing money on their meal program, as they only require donations, and may have to close one day out of the week. She also attended a meeting of the Michigan Association of Counties. She noted the discussion focused on programs that will be cut due to State budget issues. Ben Smith asked if the Council would, if given the chance, support a deposit on plastic water and juice bottles.

CONSENT AGENDA

Marcell moved; Coates seconded to accept the Consent Agenda; which included the following:

- a) 9-28-09 WICSA Packet
- b) September 2009 IRPD Report
- c) Ordinance Violation Report
- d) 10-21-09 Pending Issue List
- e) 10-21-09 Monthly Activity Report
- f) 8-17-09 DDA Regular Meeting Minutes
- g) September 2009 DDA/TIF Report
- h) September 14, 2009 IC Watershed Coalition Minutes
- i) 10-15-09 Iron River Building Authority Minutes
- j) 8-11-09 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- k) WICFB Agenda
- l) WICFB Third Quarter Report
- m) 10-19-09 Iron County Planning Commission Agenda
- n) 10-21-09 FAC Packet

o) 9-21-09 DDA Regular Meeting Minutes
Roll Call: Ayes - 5: Beber, Brozak, Coates, Marcell, Zanon. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Attorney: The Attorney Report was reviewed. The 425 Agreement has been sent to all concerned parties and should be complete in the next few weeks. We are waiting for a response from the County concerning the latest TIF negotiations. A revised agreement has been received from the Joint Public Building Restoration Administrative Board. Tousignant is comfortable with the revised language.

Coates moved to accept the Attorney Report. Brozak seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

September 09 Financials: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Coates. Zanon seconded.

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

September 09 Check Register: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Beber. Coates seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Middle School: A revised agreement was received from the Joint Public Building Restoration Administrative Board. At a Special Meeting, held on October 1, 2009, the Council voted to approve \$5,000 to initially fund the Board, provided language in the agreement was revised. Tousignant is comfortable with the revised language. Zanon will sign the agreement when it is made available.

NEW BUSINESS

UPSET Request: A request has been received from UPSET to assist in funding their war on drugs program. Discussion followed on how UPSET monies are spent and which agencies help fund the program.

Brozak moved to table the request and direct Manager Archocosky to gather additional information from the UPSET agency. Coates seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Marcell, Coates, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 1: Beber. Motion carried.

DHS Request: A request has been received from the Dickinson/Iron Department of Human Services to assist in the organization's Fruit Basket Drive fund raiser. No action was taken.

Wall Heaters: There are no heat registers in the Men's and Women's washrooms on the main floor at City Hall. Water freezing in the winter months is a concern. Westphal's, Inc. has provided a quote to install wall heaters. Discussion followed on the cost savings of this particular heater versus connecting to the existing duct work.

Brozak moved to approve Westphal's quote, in the amount of \$1,136.21, to provide and install wall heaters in the Men's and Women's washrooms on the main floor at City Hall. Marcell seconded.

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

AECOM Proposal: AECOM has provided a proposal to complete the grant application and environmental review for the City's MEDC 2009 Water System Improvement Project. The fee to complete the services will not exceed \$3,500. This will be the only cost to the City, as we were chosen to receive a grant in the amount of \$750,000 for this project. The deadline for the grant application is November 30, 2009.

Coates moved to accept AECOM's proposal in the amount not to exceed \$3,500, for the MEDC 2009 Water System Improvement Project. Marcell seconded.

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

MEDC requires a Public Hearing be held as part of the grant process. A Public Hearing is scheduled for November 11, 2009 at 1:45 for the above project.

Due to the November 2009 Fire Arm Deer Season, Coates moved to change the Regular Meeting date to November 11, 2009. The time will remain the same; (2 pm). Marcell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Employment Benefits Service Agreement: Currently Municipal Employee Benefits Service (MEBS) administers the employee's Flexible Spending Account (FSA). We have an opportunity to switch plans, as the re-enrollment period is coming up. Employee Benefits Agency (EBA) currently administers our Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance. Choosing EBA will save money and will coincide with BC/BS calendar year.

Zanon moved to enter into a Service Agreement with Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. to administer the Flexible Spending Account. Coates seconded.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

The recycle program was discussed. Beber asked if the recycle bins are labeled. Currently all recyclable products are co-mingled.

Coates hopes the Senior Citizen Center can remain open five days a week.

ADJOURNMENT

Brozak moved to adjourn at 3:03 p.m. Marcell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk