

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
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: Thomas King, Michael Brozak, Ray Coates, Edward Marcell and Zanon.

Absent: None.

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

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson, Dan Schive, Lynn Aho, Joanne Schive, Rosalie King, Peggy James, Mark Rozine, Bernie Scheck and Reporters Marian Volek (WIKB), Allyce Westphal (IC Reporter), and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

APPROVE AGENDA

Added to the Agenda: **NEW BUSINESS:** 11. k) WICSA Agreement; and **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** a) County TIF Issue.

Marcell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Coates seconded.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

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

- December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting
- December 23, 2009 Special Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosalie King (Iron County Commissioner) and Peggy James (Northstar Health Systems) have sought a grant from USDA Rural Development to replace all defibrillators for first responders in Iron County. If the City of Iron River applies for the grant, the eligibility for grant dollars may be greater. King said they need at least 17 units, which will cost approximately \$20,000. King and James will solicit for donations to supplement the non-grant portion. The City will manage all preliminary USDA-RD requirements.

APPLY FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT-DEFIBRILLATORS: Coates moved to apply to USDA Rural Development for a non-construction grant, for replacement of defibrillators. Brozak seconded.

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

Dan Schive expressed concern that no agreement is in place between the West Iron County Schools and the City of Iron River for the schools continued use of Nelson Field for their sporting events.

CONSENT AGENDA

Coates moved; Marcell seconded, to receive and file the Consent Agenda; which included the following:

- a) WIC Fire Department Report
- b) RV Park 2009 Activity Report
- c) January 2010 Chamber Newsletter

- d) 12-15-09 Joint Public Building Restoration Administrative Board Minutes
- e) December 09 IRPD Report
- f) 11-10-09 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- g) 11-11-09 DDA Minutes
- h) 12-21-09 WICSA Packet
- i) 1-20-10 Pending Issue List
- k) 1-20-10 Monthly Activity Report
- l) December 2009 DDA/TIF Financials
- j) 1-18-10 WIC Fire Board Packet
- k) 12-21-09 DDA Minutes

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

REPORTS

Attorney: The Attorney Report was reviewed. Tousignant reported that both civil rights complaints filed against the Police Department have been dismissed. The 2008 County settlement statement was discussed. Tousignant has been working with AECOM to obtain sewer project right-of-ways.

Brozak moved to accept the Attorney Report. King seconded.

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

FINANCIALS

December 09 Check Register: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Coates. Zanon seconded.

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

December 09 Financials: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Coates. Marcell seconded.

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

DEQ Invoice \$1,500.00: Annual permit fee for Groundwater Discharge in the Iron River North district. Archocosky noted this will no longer be required when the sewer project scheduled to begin in 2011 is complete.

Coates moved to pay DEQ invoice in the amount of \$1,500.00. Brozak seconded.

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

Tousignant Invoice \$2,977.50: Coates moved to pay Tousignant invoice in the amount of \$2,977.50. Brozak seconded.

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

Iron County EDC Assessment \$6,772.00: At a previous meeting held on May 20, 2009, the council went on record as supporting the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) assessment. Archocosky noted that the DDA will share 50% of the cost.

Marcell moved to pay 50% of the Iron County EDC assessment, in the amount of \$3,386.00.

Coates seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County TIF Issue: The 2008 settlement statement received from the County Treasurer's office was discussed. Tousignant believes two significant issues remain unresolved: the base year valuation for the Lakeshore District and the County's claim to have opted out of the former City of Stambaugh expansion. To negotiate or to proceed with litigation was discussed, as well as the cost of litigation.

Coates made a motion to direct Tousignant to begin whatever legal proceedings are necessary to resolve the dispute with the County of Iron over City/DDA/TIF issues. Zanon seconded.
Roll Call: Ayes – 3: Marcell, Coates, Zanon. Nays – 1: Brozak. Abstain – 1: King.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Re-organizational

Appoint Deputy Mayor: Brozak nominated Coates to the Deputy Mayor position. Marcell seconded. No other nominations were offered.

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

Verify Depositories - Miner's State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Citizen's Bank & Edward Jones:

The listed depositories were approved on a motion from Zanon. Coates seconded.

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

Set Meeting Dates and Time:

Coates moved to make no changes to the current schedule. Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, beginning at 2:00 pm. Marcell seconded.

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

MLCC Resolution: Coates moved to adopt a Resolution for a one day liquor license from the Chippewa Sno Kats for the Iron County Medical Care Facility. Zanon seconded.

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

Resolution – Streetscape Enhancement Project: Coates moved to adopt a Resolution to support the Streetscape Enhancement project and to commit to the long term maintenance of the proposed project. Marcell seconded.

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

DICSA Sponsorship: Tousignant advised that the Home Rule City Act does not provide for this type of donation. Coates moved to have Tousignant research further. King seconded.

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

Salute to Law Enforcement Ad: Brozak moved to table, have Tousignant research, and if he finds this type of spending appropriate, go ahead with the \$30 advertisement. Marcell seconded.

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

Spotlight on Iron County: Brozak moved to table, have Tousignant research, and if he finds this type of spending appropriate, go ahead with the \$85 advertisement. Marcell seconded.

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

MML Capital Conference: Zanon moved to allow council members to attend the 2010 Capital Conference in Lansing on April 13-14, 2010. King seconded.

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

Award Request for Qualification – MEDC Water System Improvements: Request for Qualifications is required by MEDC for the Water System Improvement Project. Archocosky solicited four firms. Two responded, AECOM and TriMedia. Archocosky recommends hiring AECOM based on their qualifications, subject to MEDC approval.

Marcell moved to award to AECOM, subject to MEDC approval. Coates seconded.

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

WICSA Agreement: Because the City of Iron River is involved in a sewer project and will receive loan/grant funding from USDA Rural Development, Rural Development requires that a contract with the West Iron County Sewer Authority (WICSA) be in place for the life of the loan.

Extend WICSA Agreement

Coates moved to extend the contract with WICSA, 40 years beyond closing of the USDA-RD loan. Marcell seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Brozak, King, Matcell, Coates, Zanon. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

All welcomed new Council member Thomas King.

Mark Rozine, representing Little League, stated the association is still in need of a regulation size baseball field. He believes that Bachman Park will be the easiest to convert. The temporary fence suggested by the City Council last year, was found to be too costly. It is the consensus of all, that a Recreation Committee be formed, and all west side communities participate. A recreation mileage was also suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

Coates moved to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. Brozak seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk