

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 24, 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.

Roll Call: Thomas King, Michael Brozak, Ray Coates, and Zanon.

Absent: Edward Marcell (knee surgery).

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

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Added to the Agenda: **NEW BUSINESS:** 10. m) CoVantage Credit Union as Depository.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Zanon moved to accept the Iron River City Council Minutes of February 17, 2010. Brozak seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner Rosalie King thanked the Council for their effort in applying to Rural Development (RD) for the defibrillator grant, and noted it is nice to be working together with the City and Northstar Health System. She also reported the County will submit grant applications to RD for defibrillators and new trucks for the Road Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Archocosky received additional information and wished to modify the Monthly Activity Report. Sentence three of paragraph three regarding road millage should read \$7,000.00, not 10,000.00.

Brozak moved, Zanon seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the following:

- a) 1-18-10 DDA Minutes
- b) 2-15-10 DDA Minutes
- c) February 2010 DDA/TIF Financials
- d) 2-1-10 Iron County Watershed Coalition Minutes
- e) 2-22-10 WICSA Packet
- f) 1-12-10 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- g) 1-27-10 Iron River Housing Commission Special Meeting Minutes
- h) 2-9-10 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- i) 2-24-10 Iron River Housing Commission Special Meeting Minutes
- j) February 2010 IRPD Report
- k) 3-24-10 Pending Issue List
- l) 3-24-10 Monthly Activity Report
- m) 3-22-10 Finance Audit Committee Packet
- n)

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Attorney: The Attorney Report was reviewed. He continues to work on sewer easements. The development of an ordinance which will regulate the use of city parks for organized groups and a conflict of interest ordinance was discussed.

Brozak moved to direct Attorney Tousignant to gather material for consideration for a Park Use Ordinance. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

Zanon moved to direct Attorney Tousignant to gather material for consideration for a Conflict of Interest Ordinance, as mandated by Charter. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

Brozak moved to accept the Attorney Report as presented. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

February 10 Check Register: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Brozak. King seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

February 10 Financials: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Zanon. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Defibrillators: Archocosky recommends the application submitted to RD for replacement of defibrillators be withdrawn, so that it may be re-submitted by the County, as they may qualify for larger grant dollars.

Zanon moved that the City of Iron River withdraw the application submitted to RD for the replacement of defibrillators. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent-1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Iron River Housing Appointment: Manager Archocosky did not make an appointment, as he did not get a chance to review the applications submitted.

Brozak moved to table the appointment until the next regular meeting. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

SRF Sewer Improvement Project – Disbursement Request #4: This request is for engineering and legal services. Hebert Construction hopes to begin construction in mid April, weather permitting.

Brozak moved to approve Disbursement Request #4, in the amount of \$2,189.00. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent -1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

MEDC Water System Improvement Project 2009 – Grant Payment Request #1: This request is for engineering services provided through March 12, 2010, and will coincide with the SRF Sewer Project.

Zanon moved to approve Grant Payment Request #1, in the amount of \$15,524.38. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Iron County Heritage Trail Committee Resolution: The Committee has developed a plan for a non-motorized pathway connecting the cities of Iron River and Crystal Falls. Grant monies are available from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTS) to support such a project.

Zanon moved to adopt a Resolution supporting the project and application for funding submitted to the MNRTS. King seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Brozak, Coates, King, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Motion carried.

MLCC Resolution – Northstar Health System: Northstar Health System will hold an Employee Recognition Dinner on March 26, 2010, at the Iron County Armory.

Brozak moved to adopt a resolution allowing for a one day liquor license. King seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

WICPS Project Graduation: Project Graduation is an alcohol-free event for graduating seniors. Archocosky has granted the committee permission to use the third floor at City Hall to hold the annual event. A request has been received from the committee to help sponsor the event.

Brozak moved to sponsor the Project Graduation event, in the amount of \$250.00. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Coates. Nays – 0. Absent -1: Marcell.

IC Museum Sponsorship: Zanon moved to grant a request from the Iron County Historical and Museum Society, for membership in the amount of \$100.00. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Northstar Request – Defibrillators: Peg James (Northstar) and Rosalie King (Iron County Commissioner) are trying to secure an RD grant for the replacement of 17 defibrillators, for all first responders in Iron County. It is anticipated RD will provide approximately 40% grant dollars. Price quote for each is \$1,095.00, if all units are replaced. The total cost for replacement is \$18,615.00, not including tax and shipping. Archocosky recommends the purchase of one unit.

Brozak moved to purchase one defibrillator in the amount of approximately \$1,100.00, once the grant has been approved and equipment has been purchased. King seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Iron County Community Schools Sponsorship: A request has been received from Iron County Community Schools to sponsor the summer youth program.

Brozak moved to sponsor the Iron County Community Schools summer youth program, in the amount of \$3,386.00. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays: - 0. Absent: - 1: Marcell.

Security Equipment Bid: Two bids were received.

1. U.P. Security submitted a bid in the amount of \$10,738.00, as well as an alternate bid, which includes different equipment, in the amount of \$7,839.85.
2. Range Telecommunications submitted a bid in the amount of \$5,866.22.

Archocosky recommends accepting the low bid from Range Telecommunications.

Brozak moved to accept Range Telecommunications bid in the amount of \$5,866.22. Zanon seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Marcell.

Dump Truck Bid: One bid was received.

1. Schultz Equipment & Parts Co. submitted a bid in the amount of \$139,897.00.

Archocosky recommends accepting the only bid received from Shultz Equipment. RD confirmed via email that a single bid was acceptable.

King moved to accept Schultz Equipment & Parts Co. bid in the amount of \$139,897.00. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, Brozak, King, Zanon. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Marcell.

Blanket Resolution: Correspondence has been received from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission in reference to applications for Special Licenses for the sale of beer, wine, and/or liquor by non-profit organizations that may be held at military installation in the State of Michigan. If the Council adopts a “blanket approval” resolution authorizing Special Licenses at military installations located within their unit of government, applicants will not be required to obtain local legislative body approval for each application.

Zanon moved to adopt a continuing resolution authorizing “blanket approval” for Special Licenses on Military Installations Only, for the Iron County Armory, located at 9 West Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan 49935. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell

Motion carried.

CoVantage Credit Union as Depository: Treasurer Johnson has checked interest rates at local banking institutions. CoVantage pays the best return on Certificates of Deposits.

Zanon moved to approve CoVantage Credit Union and any other federally insured institution in Iron County, who are willing to sign the city’s Investment Policy, as depositories. Brozak seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes - 4: Coates, King, Brozak, Zanon. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Marcell.

Archocosky noted that construction season is almost upon us, and to be prepared.

Ben Smith has heard that Macomb County is researching term limits for elected officials.

Allyce Westphal asked when re-striping will take place on Highway US-2. MDOT is responsible, and usually completes this in July. Archocosky noted there are fewer accidents on US-2 since the 3-lane conversion took place, based on accident history.

Lack of funding for road repairs was discussed. Any repairs taking place in the future are all tied to current on-going projects in the City.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk