

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
2 PM  
Minutes**

Mayor Roger Zanon called the meeting to order at 2:05 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.

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

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson, Mike Manfrom, Terry Tarsi, Tom Beber, Elaine Spencer, Theresa Berry, Dennis Powell, and Marian Volek (IC Reporter/WIKB), and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Amendments to the Agenda: **NEW BUSINESS:** 10. g) Windsor Center-Rick Commenator; and move 10. a) Jason Wicklund DNRE – Deer in Town to Public Comment.  
Marcell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Coates seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

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

- April 21, 2010 Regular Meeting
- April 27, 2010 Special Meeting

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

In March, due to poor alley conditions, some residents in the Iron River Central District, Virgil Location and Jasper Street, were asked to place garbage curbside for weekly pickup. Several people attended the meeting to comment on the garbage regulations.

Mike Manfrom stated that there is nothing wrong with his alley, and he does not like to carry his garbage out front.

Tom Beber, who lives in the Iron River South District, was not aware everyone in the “New” City of Iron River was not required to place garbage curbside for pick up, and that he would like to place his garbage in the alley too.

Elaine Spencer stated she moved to Iron River because garbage was picked up in the alley, and is concerned about the cars that park on Cayuga Street on a daily basis.

Archocosky stated that curbside pickup has worked extremely well in the Iron River South District and that our alleys are not designed to be used by large trucks. To be selective is not profitable and we cannot pick and choose which alleys to use. We are trying to preserve the alleys and treat everyone the same.

Terry Tarsi would like to see a decision made and suggested we no longer pick up in the alleys.

Mike Manfrom raised concerns about Iron County Road Commission trucks driving on Cayuga Street. They leave Citgo Quik Food Mart, drive down Cayuga Street to Seventh Avenue. The street was paved three years ago and there are three cracks in it.

Archocosky believes the only road that is restricted to large trucks is Genesee Street because it is narrow. He will contact Iron County Road Commission to discuss.  
All comments will be taken under advisement.

**Jason Wicklund DNRE-Deer in Town:** Conservation Officer Jason Wicklund spoke about the urban deer population and the steps other communities have taken to manage their deer population. The City of Ironwood offers a Comprehensive Deer Management Bow Hunt. He provided a copy of the rules and regulations they follow. Hunters are required to hold a valid archer deer license and are tested in proficiency. An application is required, along with non-refundable fees. The hunt runs concurrent with the State of Michigan bow hunting season and all Federal and State laws apply. Up to 25 permits are granted.

He noted there are three packs of wolves in our area. They are the Kofmehl Road area, the Fairgrounds, and near Theodore Street in Stambaugh Township. As long as the deer population in the City is high, the wolves will stay. A controlled bow hunt could keep the deer population down, forcing the wolves to relocate.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Coates moved, Brozak seconded, to receive and file the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the following:

- a) March 15, 2010 DDA Minutes
- b) April 2010 DDA/TIF Financials
- c) April 2010 IRPD Report
- d) April 13, 2010 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- e) April 13, 2010 Iron River Housing Commission Public Hearing Minutes
- f) May 19, 2010 Pending Issue List
- g) May 19, 2010 Manager Report

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

### **REPORTS**

**Attorney:** The Attorney report was reviewed. The proposed Ethics Ordinance was amended after Tousignant met with the Committee. The proposed Parks Ordinance was discussed briefly. He has been locating ordinance violators (blight) and citations have being issued.

Marcell moved to accept the Attorney Report. Brozak seconded.

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

### **FINANCIALS**

**April 2010 Financials:** Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Coates. King seconded.

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

**April 2010 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.

**Tousignant Invoice - \$3,991.25:** Coates moved to approve Tousignant invoice in the amount of \$3,991.25. Brozak seconded.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Adopt 2010-2011 Budget:**

Marcell moved to adopt the 2010-2011 City Budget. Coates seconded.

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

**Correspondence Concerning Tax Sharing Agreement:**

An agreement is not yet in place regarding the County and DDA/City Tax Sharing Agreement. Correspondence from Steven Tinti denying the City's position was discussed.

Coates moved to direct Tousignant to send a letter to the County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with the DDA, requesting that the City of Iron River/DDA/TIF is included on all upcoming special millage ballots. Marcell seconded.

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

**Ethics Ordinance:**

The committee that deals with ethics issues met at an earlier date and recommended changes to the Ethics Ordinance. Tousignant made recommended changes. The proposed Ordinance was reviewed. Tousignant will publish.

Coates moved to introduce Ordinance No. 29-2010, which establishes ethical standards for conduct of persons in service to the City of Iron River.

**Ordinance No. 28-2010:**

Ordinance 28-2010, which regulates the use of all City parks and facilities, was published on May 12, 2010, and will go into effect on June 11, 2010.

Zanon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 28-2010. Brozak seconded.

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

**Special Use Permit:**

Brozak and Coates expressed concern regarding the fee structure included in this permit.

After discussion, Zanon moved to approve the Special Use Permit –Municipal Facility by Organized Group License, the fee schedule to be determined at a later date. Marcell seconded.

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

**CDBG Application Resolution:**

Brozak moved to adopt a Resolution approving the submission of a Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Community Development Block Grant application, for Lay Avenue Infrastructure Improvements, from Highway US-2 to Evergreen Street. Coates seconded.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dennis Powell Retirement Request:**

Dennis Powell will retire on June 11, 2010. He is requesting 2/3 of a single premium for medical insurance be paid by the City for a period of three years. No action was to taken, as Union contract does not provide for this.

**Restrictions on Parking on Main Street:**

A two-hour parking restriction on Genesee Street business district was discussed. Tousignant will check into it.

**SRF Sewer Improvements Disbursement Request No. 5:** AECOM submitted SRF Sewer System Improvements Project Disbursement Request No. 5 from Hebert Construction, which includes Pay Request No. 1, from Hebert Construction in the amount of \$226,235.83 for work completed through May 1, 2010, and Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$14,328.92 for balancing of items and additional pay items.

Marcell moved to approve Pay Request No. 1, in the amount of \$226,235.83, and Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$14,328.92. Coates seconded.

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

**MEDC Water System Improvements 2009 Grant Payment Request No. 2:**

AECOM submitted MEDC Water System Improvements – 2009 Grant Payment Request No. 2, in the amount of \$21, 527.96 for professional engineering services completed on the project through April 16, 2010.

Coates moved to approve Pay Request No. 2, in the amount of \$21,527.96. King seconded.

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

**Award Bid MEDC Water System Improvements 2009:**

This project was bid with two separate contacts. Three (3) bids were received for the Hunter Road water tank work. Five (5) bids were received for piping and associated work.

Marcell moved to accept the apparent low bid from St. Germain Sandblasting in the amount of \$93,600 for the water tank work. King seconded.

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

Marcell moved to accept the apparent low bid from Hebert Construction in the amount of \$453,817.92 for piping and associated work. Coates seconded.

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

**Windsor Center:**

Rick Commenator is a representative for the City of Iron River on the Joint Public Building Restoration Administrative Board. This board has formed a Windsor Center Recreation Authority. This Authority will explore the possibility of seeking up to ½ mill to repair and preserve the gymnasium and auditorium at the former Middle School, and also pursue federal and state grants.

Coates moved to appoint Rick Commenator as the City’s representative to the Windsor Center Recreation Authority. King seconded.

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

Zanon moved to adjourn at 4:02 p.m. Brozak seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.