

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 16, 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, Char Soderbloom, Christine Martinson, Keith Hamel, Marian Volek (IC Reporter/WIKB), and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda: **CONSENT AGENDA:** 6. k) Finance Audit Committee Packet; **NEW BUSINESS:** 10. l) Sale of City Property, m) WIC Fire Authority Vacancy and **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** 11. Veterans Memorial.

Coates moved to approve the agenda as amended. King seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
Absent: Marcell.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

- May 19, 2010 Public Hearing – 2010/2011 Budget
- May 19, 2010 Public Hearing – CDBG Application
- May 19, 2010 Public Hearing – Parks & Facilities Ordinance
- May 19, 2010 Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City has been experiencing illegal dumping at the compost pile site, and has been forced to close the site on the weekends. Christine Martinson finds the weekend closure to be inconvenient. She suggested we schedule a person to work at the site once per month on the weekend or host a worker utilizing the Experience Works program, a national non-profit organization offering job training and placement for mature workers over the age of 55. Archocosky will research options.

Keith Hamel asked if the City had a reward system in place for residents who use 1000 gallons or less of water/sewer per month. He stated sending shutoff notices out is a waste of taxpayer dollars. He asked if the City could bill the Iron River Township more for their use of city sewer lines and lower city resident rates. The maintenance, distribution, debt and EDU system was discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) April 19, 2010 DDA Minutes
- b) May 13, 2010 Joint Public Building Restoration Administrative Board Minutes
- c) May 27, 2010 Joint Public Building Restoration Administrative Board Minutes
- d) May 3, 2010 Iron County Watershed Coalition Minutes

- e) April 26, 2010 WICSA Packet
- f) May 24, 2010 WICSA Packet
- g) June 16, 2010 Pending Issue List
- h) June 16, 2010 Manager Report
- i) May 2010 IR Police Report
- j) May 2010 DDA/TIF Financial
- k) Finance Audit Committee Packet

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

REPORTS

Attorney: The Attorney report was reviewed. The Iron River and Caspian Downtown Development Authorities have resolved to file jointly, a lawsuit against the County concerning ballot language.

King moved to accept the Attorney Report. Brozak seconded.

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

FINANCIALS

May 2010 Check Register: Reviewed and accepted on a motion from Coates. Zanon seconded.

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

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

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

NMPSA Membership Invoice: Coates moved to approve Northern Michigan Public Service Academy annual membership invoice in the amount of up to \$500.00. (\$20 per employee). King seconded.

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

MML Insurance Renewal - \$49,057: Due to sale of City property and elimination of surplus vehicles and equipment, the annual liability and property insurance premium is decreased by \$6,762. Archocosky recommends we pay annual insurance renewal for liability and property insurance.

Brozak moved to pay MML Insurance renewal in the amount of \$49,057. Coates seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adopt Ethics Ordinance: Coates moved to adopt Ethics Ordinance No. 29-2010. King seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Special Use Permit – Attic – Fees: Fee to be established at the next Regular meeting.

SRF Sewer System Improvements Project – Disbursement Request No. 6:

Pay Request No. 2 - Hebert Construction - \$270,344.89: A project update was given by Craig Richardson of AECOM. Piping in the last area (Cedar and Lay Avenue) should be wrapped up within the next few weeks. The pay request submitted by Hebert Construction is for work completed through May 28, 2010. AECOM recommends payment.

Coates moved to approve Disbursement Request No. 6, Pay Request No. 2, from Hebert Construction, in the amount of \$270,344.89. King seconded.

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

SRF Sewer System Improvements Project – Disbursement Request No. 6:

Change Order No. 2 - Hebert Construction - \$10,468.60: Richardson explained this is for balancing of contract quantities to date, cost due to relocation of existing storm sewer main conflicting with sewer and water mains. AECOM recommends payment.

Coates moved to approve Disbursement Request No. 6, Change Order No. 2, to Hebert Construction in the amount of \$10,468.60. King seconded.

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

MEDC Water System Improvements – 2009 Grant Payment Request No. 3 – Pay Request No. 1 – Hebert Construction - \$65,585.68:

This project is financed with 100% grant funding and will reduce the number of water systems, as is the goal in the long range planning. This pay request is for work completed through May 28, 2010, explained Richardson. Hebert began work on this project on May 25, 2010, with water main installed on Fourth Avenue and Franklin Street.

Coates moved to approve 2009 Grant Payment Request No. 3 – Pay Request No. 1, to Hebert Construction in the amount of \$65,585.68. Brozak seconded.

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

Visitor Guide Ad: Approved on a motion from Brozak, to split cost with the DDA for a ¼ page advertisement in the amount of \$347.50, and notify Assured Publishing to brighten up the background. King seconded.

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

Planning/Zoning Board Vacancies: Four letters of interest were received from current board members Charlotte Soderbloom, Jere Fritsche, Rick Commenator and Ben Smith. Brozak moved to re-appoint Soderbloom, Fritsche, Commenator, Smith, and appoint Mayor Zanon to the Planning/Zoning Board; 1-year term ending 06-30-2011. King seconded.

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

Board of Review Vacancy: One letter of interest was received from current board member Terry Tarsi. Coates moved to re-appoint Tarsi to the Board of Review; 3-year term ending 07-01-2010. Brozak seconded.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals: One letter of interest was received from current board member Ben Smith. Brozak moved to re-appoint Ben Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals; 3-year term ending 07-01-2013. Coates seconded.

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

Brownfield Authority Vacancy: One letter of interest was received from current board member Vivian Leonoff. Don Bastianello submitted a letter of resignation. Char Soderbloom who was in attendance resigned from the Authority. She does not believe she should remain on the board as she is no longer a property owner in the City. Anderson will research. Marian Volek and Craig Richardson, who were in attendance, were asked to sit on the Authority and both agreed.

King moved to re-appoint Vivian Leonoff to the Brownfield Authority, 3-year term ending 06-30-2013, appoint Marian Volek to fill Bastianello's 3-year term ending 06-30-2013, and Craig Richardson to fill Soderbloom's unexpired term which will expire 06-30-2012. Coates seconded.

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

Appoint Treasurer to IR Building Authority: Brozak move to re-appoint Treasurer Suzanne Johnson to the Iron River Building Authority, 3-year term ending 06-30-2013. King seconded.

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

Transfer \$40,000 from Major to Local Streets: With the June 30, 2010 close of the fiscal year approaching, Treasurer Johnson requests to transfer \$40,000 from Major to Local Streets.

King moved to transfer \$40,000 from the Major Street fund to the Local Street fund. Zanon seconded.

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

Reschedule July Meeting: Brozak and Archocosky cannot attend the regular meeting in July. The Regular meeting is re-scheduled for July 23, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Sale of City Property: An offer of \$3,500 has been received from Brett Pearson for vacant property located in the Virgil area. This parcel is listed with Wild Rivers Realty.

Archocosky recommends accepting the offer subject to final review by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Coates moved to accept the offer of \$3,500 from Brett Pearson for parcel #054-0482-007-00, Allen's Addition to Iron River Township (Now City of Iron River) Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 2, subject to final review by the DPW. Brozak seconded.

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

WIC Fire Authority Vacancy: A letter of resignation has been received from James Schram, who's term on the WIC Fire Authority expires 12-31-2011. David Mangone and Dick Anderson submitted letters of interest to fill the vacancy.

Coates moved to appoint Mangone the vacancy on the WIC Fire Authority. King seconded.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mark Bofinger has installed new landscape at the Veterans War Memorial as part of an Eagle Scout Project. Mayor Zanon and Council members commended Bofinger on the project at the Veterans War Memorial.

They also thanked the Golden K organization for the flower plantings along the Adams Street corridor.

Zanon moved to adjourn at 3:29 pm. Brozak seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk, CMC