

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 4, 2011  
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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: Michael Brozak, Ray Coates, Edward Marcell and Zanon.

Absent: Thomas King

Also present: Manager John Archocosky, Treasurer Suzanne Johnson and Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Public in Attendance: Jim Quayle and Ben Smith, (Iron County Doings).

**THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:** Habitat for Humanity Request to Purchase City Lots, Budget Amendments and Budget Workshop.

**REQUESTED SALE OF CITY LOTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, Jim Quayle requested to purchase a City lot (Plat of Chalet Subdivision, E ½ of Lot 11 & entire Lot 12) in the Iron River North district. The property is listed with Wild Rivers Realty for \$6,000. Habitat is prepared to begin building as soon as possible and is offering \$2,000. They plan to divide the parcel and within two years, possibly build another home on the west side of the lot. Revitalization of neighborhoods and rehabilitation of older homes has been successful in Dickinson County. The organization would like to replicate that success in Iron County and are currently looking at the Minckler Street area north of Oldenburg. Wild Rivers is waiving its commission and Attorney Tousignant has agreed to prepare the deed at no charge.

Coates moved to sell the parcel (Plat of Chalet Subdivision, E ½ of Lot 11 & entire Lot 12) to Habitat for Humanity, Menominee for \$2,000. Brozak seconded.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Budget Amendments prepared by Treasurer Johnson were reviewed. Archocosky and Johnson anticipate one more set of amendments will be necessary as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2011.

Brozak moved to approve May 4, 2011 Budget Amendments. Coates seconded.

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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A revised draft of the 2011-2012 Budget was reviewed, which includes the May 4, 2011, amendments. Archocosky noted the Budget is tight, and was prepared cautiously due to anticipated State and Federal budgets cuts. Discussion followed concerning Police Department allocation, sidewalk/street conditions, snow removal/Act 51, future reconstruction of Highway M-189 and the gas tax. Last year, approximately 3.5 miles of streets were reconstructed due to water and sewer projects, partially funded by State and Federal grants received. No grant money has or is being offered for street repair. There will be no increase in water and sewer rates at this time.

Ben Smith said a website is now available to review the Affordable Health Care Act.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will re-stripe Highway US-2 this year, which will make pavement markings more visible and the left turn lane more apparent. Timing issues at the stop light on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/M-189 and Genesee Street have been discussed in the past. Until the light is replaced (reconstruction of M-189 by MDOT scheduled to begin in 2013) Archocosky will suggest to MDOT to change to a blinking light at all times, rather than just in the evening, to see if this will lessen the complaints due to timing issues. With the ratification of the Department of Public Works and Police Union Contracts, the City of Iron River Employment Practices handbook no longer coincides. This will have to be addressed and changes proposed at a later date.

A Special Meeting to review the City Charter is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 9 a.m.

Coates moved to adjourn at 3:19 p.m. Brozak seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk, CMC