

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

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

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson, Keith Hamel, Diane Renaud-Smith and Reporters Marian Volek (WIKB/Iron County Reporter) and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Amendments to the agenda: 10. Unfinished Business: a) Fuel Bids; b) Streetscape Project, and 11. New Business: g) Northstar Health System Foundation Resolution.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Coates moved; King seconded, to receive and file the Iron River City Council Minutes of June 13, 2011 Regular Meeting, and June 30, 2011 Special Meeting/Public Hearing Ordinance No. 30-2011. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Renaud-Smith continues to research the concept of a Community Garden and provided a verbal update on her findings. Grant funding may be available. She will place an ad in the local paper and on the City website to see if the public is interested. Ben Smith suggested special assessment districts be created to repair City streets. Discussion followed on special assessment districts, the cost to replace streets and sidewalks, and the state of the economy. Keith Hamel suggested pay cuts, laying off personnel and taxing outsiders who work in the City. Mr. Hamel has had problems with dogs on leashes that are too long which enable them to run out on sidewalks. He was advised to contact the Police Department.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Public Notices for Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) were pulled for discussion. The State of Michigan Public Service Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the June 30, 2011 application of UPPCO to increase its rates 7.65 percent. All citizens are encouraged to participate.

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

- a) April 21, 2011 Friends of Iron County Heritage Trail Minutes
- b) June 28, 2011 WICSA Packet

- c) May 16, 2011 DDA Minutes
- d) June 30, 2011 Planning Commission Minutes
- e) July 20, 2011 Monthly Activity Report
- f) July 20, 2011 Pending Project List
- g) June 2011 IR Police Department Report
- h) May 12, 2011 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- i) May 24, 2011 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- j) June 9, 2011 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- k) July 18, 2011 WIC Fire Board Packet
- l) Second Quarter Report WIC Fire Department
- m) Public Notice UPPCO
- n) Public Notice UPPCO
- o) June 2011 DDA/TIF Financials (not available - fiscal year end)

All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Attorney:** After review, King moved to receive and file the July 2011 Attorney Report. Brozak seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCIALS**

**Otis Proposal State Elevator Maintenance - \$1,481.70:** The State of Michigan requires a valve test be performed every three years. Coates moved to accept Otis proposal in the amount of \$1,481.70, for a Full-Load Pressure-Relief Valve Test. Brozak seconded.

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

**June 11 Financials:** Not available at this time due to the close of the fiscal year.

**June 11 Check Register:** Not available at this time due to the close of the fiscal year.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Fuel Bids:** Two bids received: Holiday Companies and Krist Oil Company. Archocosky will review the bids and report back at the next meeting. Brozak moved to table until the next regular meeting, pending review of bids. King seconded.

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

**Streetscape Project:** Craig Richardson of GEI Consultants reported the lowest bid (Hebert Construction) came in high for the Washington/Lay Avenue project. No additional funding is available at this time to complete the project as originally bid. Archocosky recommends scaling back the work rather than rebidding to keep the project moving forward.

Marcell moved to accept the low bid from Hebert Construction for the Streetscape Project, authorize Richardson to reach attainable budget amounts, and direct Archocosky and Zanon to sign necessary contracts to move the project forward. Coates seconded.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tentatively Award Contract RD Water System Improvements Project Resolution:** A total of four bids were received. The apparent low bid was submitted by Hebert Construction. Hebert's bid came in lower than budgeted. GEI recommends alternate add work be incorporated into the project when awarded.

Coates moved to adopt a Resolution to tentatively award a construction contract for the RD Water System Improvements – 2009 Project to Hebert Construction, bid amount \$2,262,272.26, and to include Alternates 'A' and 'C' (Change Order No.1) for total contract amount of \$2,526,118.10. Marcell seconded.

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

**Change Order #1 RD Water System Improvements Project – 2009:** Coates moved; Marcell seconded, to approve Change Order No. 1, which includes Alternates 'A' and 'C' in the tentative RD Water System Improvements – 2009 Project contract with Hebert Construction.

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

**Rural Development Water Project Loan Resolution:** Marcell moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of bonding for water system improvements, not to exceed \$1,870,000. King seconded.

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

**Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees Ballot:** King moved to follow Archocosky's recommendation to vote in favor of all five incumbents on the Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund Board of Trustees. Coates seconded.

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

**Wykon Athletic Booster Club Ad:** Coates moved to approve \$40 ad to the Wykon Athletic Booster Club Sports Program Book. Brozak seconded.

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

**Lakeshore Easement Land Exchange:** Coates moved to grant a land/easement exchange with Oldenburg Group Inc., (Lakeshore). King seconded.

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

**Northstar Health System Foundation Resolution:** A request to conduct a raffle has been received from Northstar Health System Foundation.

Coates moved to adopt a Resolution to approve Northstar Health System Foundation's request to conduct a raffle. Brozak seconded.

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

**Adjournment:** Marcell moved to adjourn at 3:17 p.m. King seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.