

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 21, 2011
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. 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, Reporters Ben Smith, (Iron County Doings) and Marian Volek, (WIKB/Iron County Reporter).

APPROVE AGENDA

Amendments to the agenda included: FINANCIALS: 9. c) Tousignant Invoice; and NEW BUSINESS: 11. m) Dorner Quotation.

Coates moved to approve the agenda as amended. Zanon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Coates moved to receive and file Iron River City Council Minutes for November 14, 2011, and November 29, 2011. King seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Smith reported the link to the MSL numbers to City property for sale on the website is not working. The Clerk will notify Wild Rivers Realty. He then asked how many counties are members of the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance. There are 15 members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brozak moved; Coates seconded; to file as written the Consent Agenda which included the following:

- a) December 6, 2011 WICSA Packet
- b) October 20, 2011 Iron County Economic Development Corporation Minutes
- c) November 2011 IR Police Department Report
- d) November 2011 DDA/TIF Financials
- e) November 10, 2011 Iron River Housing Commission Minutes
- f) October 17, 2011 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- g) October 3, 2011 Iron County Watershed Coalition Minutes
- h) December 21, 2011 Monthly Activity Report
- i) December 21, 2011 Pending Project List

All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Attorney: The Attorney Report was reviewed. Marcell moved to accept the November 2011 Attorney Report. Coates seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

FINANCIALS:

November 11 Financials: Archocosky is concerned about Solid Waste costs. He will continue to monitor this in the next months. After review, King moved to accept the November 11 Financials. Zanon seconded.

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

November 11 Check Register: The November Check Register was reviewed. Coates moved to receive and file. Marcell seconded.

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

Tousignant Invoice: Coates moved to approve Tousignant Invoice in the amount of \$2,053.75. Marcell seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on TIF Settlement: Tousignant gave an update concerning the status of a proposed TIF settlement in his Report. We have received a proposal but are still awaiting numbers from the County Clerk. He recommends no action be taken until the City Treasurer receives and calculates the numbers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rural Development (RD) Water System Improvements – 2009 Estimate of Funds Needed – Request No. 5: This request is for construction, engineering and legal services performed through November 2011. King moved to approve Request No. 5 in the amount of \$396,128.41. Coates seconded.

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

RD Sewer System Improvements – 2009 Estimate of Funds Needed – Request No. 3: This request is for engineering and legal services performed on the project through November 2011. Coates moved to pay request No. 3 in the amount of \$2,987.26. Marcell seconded.

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

Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Report: As part of Governor Snyder's plan to reduce the state budget, and for the City to qualify for EVIP payments, three criteria are required. The first is the Dashboard, which was completed prior to October 1, 2011. The second report requires the City to complete a Consolidation, Cooperation, and Collaboration Plan by January 1, 2012. This report has been sent to the State and is on the City's website. The third report concerns employee compensation and is due by May 1, 2012.

Coates moved to approve the EVIP Report. Marcell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance Membership: Archocosky recommends tabling this item until more information can be obtained. Marcell moved to table. King seconded.

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

Wild Rivers Realty Contract Renewal: The contract with Wild Rivers Realty to list surplus City property expires this month. King moved to renew the Listing Contract with Wild Rivers Realty to 12-8-2012. Coates seconded.

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

US-2 Sewer Project Inspection Project: The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will begin the road construction on US-2 and parts of M-189 in 2012. In conjunction with the MDOT project, the City will reconstruct the sanitary sewer. GEI Consultants (GEI) has proposed to inspect the construction at a lower cost than MDOT.

Coates moved to amend the City's existing design contract with GEI, to include that GEI inspect our portion of the construction on US-2 and M-189, not-to-exceed \$12,000. King seconded.

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

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Vacancies: Coates moved to follow the recommendation of the DDA and renew the terms of Nancy Johnson, Ed Lindwall and Jim Quayle; terms expire 12-31-2015. Marcell seconded.

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

Thomas Beber and Roger Zanon each submitted a letter to fill Alfred Perlongo's unexpired term on the DDA. Coates moved to follow the DDA's recommendation and nominate Roger Zanon. King seconded.

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

Board of Review Vacancies: Thomas Beber submitted a letter of interest. Brozak moved to appoint Thomas Beber to fill Terry Tarsi's unexpired term on the Board of Review; term expires 07-01-2013. Coates seconded.

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

West Iron County Sewer Authority (WICSA) Vacancies: Two letters of interest received; Rick Commenator and Roger Zanon. Coates moved to appoint Roger Zanon to the unexpired term of Terry Tarsi on the WICSA; term expires 07-01-2013. King seconded.

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

Planning Commission Vacancies: Jere Fritsche, Rick Commenator and Thomas Beber each submitted a letter of interest to remain on the board. Coates moved to re-appoint Jere Fritsche, Rick Commenator and Thomas Beber; terms expire 01-19-2015.

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

West Iron County Fire Board Vacancies: Dave Mangone and Michael Brozak each submitted a letter of interest. Coates moved to re-appoint Dave Mangone and appoint Michael Brozak to the West Iron County Fire Board; terms expire 12-31-2017.

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

Election Commission Voting Precinct Redistricting Plan: Pursuant to the City Charter, the Election Commission has reviewed 2010 census data, City voting precinct maps and the County Commission district map, and has prepared a plan for rearranged voting precincts in the City. The plan can be viewed at the Clerk's office and on the City's website at www.ironriver.org

Dorner Quotation-PRV Stations: The Water Department has been having problems with pressure reducing valves. The valves are approximately 20 years old and need to be replaced. Dorner Company has submitted a quote for three valves in the amount of \$8,113. The City will install them for \$500 less.

Marcell moved to accept the bid from Dorner Company in the amount of \$7,613, (minus \$500 of quote). Coates seconded.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: The Council, Manager and Attorney all thanked Mayor Roger Zanon and Council member Michael Brozak for their service and dedication to the City of Iron River.

Adjournment: Marcell moved to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. King seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson City Clerk, CMC