

CITY OF IRON RIVER
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
2 PM
Minutes

Mayor Terry Tarsi called the meeting to order at 2 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Rodney Dood, Jere Fritsche, Tricia Mercier, Dennis Powell and Tarsi.

Absent: None.

Also present: Attorney Mark Tousignant, Manager David Thayer, and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Jeremy Johnson (Iron County Reporter)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Thayer requested Suspending the Rules so an item could be added to the Agenda, which is allowable. Fritsche moved, Mercier seconded to Suspend the Rules. All in favor; Motion carried.

Thayer would like to have the Agenda read as follows:

- a) December Meeting Date (moved from Item b)
- b) Frizzo v City of Iron River/Thayer Update (addition)
- c) City Manager Employment Evaluation (Closed Session Requested) (moved from Item a)

Mercier moved, Powell seconded to make the above referenced changes. All in favor; Motion carried.

December Meeting Date: Thayer stated looking at the calendar, the only thing that will be impacted by cancelling the Regular Meeting will be the approval of invoices. He added there aren't many to approve and can be laid over until January. If something of urgency should arise in the meantime, a meeting can be scheduled. Mercier moved, Dood seconded, to cancel December's Regularly Scheduled Meeting. All in favor; Motion carried.

Frizzo vs City of Iron River/Thayer Update:

Thayer explained that on November 15, 2018, a hearing was held for Summary Judgement to dismiss the three charges. Count #2, Whistleblower's Act Violation and Count #3, Open Meetings Act Violation were dismissed. The remaining Count #1, Sexual Discrimination, has been limited to just the issue of gender discrimination. Today, a phone conference is being held that will be limiting the evidence that will be presented as well as final witness lists.

Tarsi asked if the court sets the monetary amount in damages if she wins. Thayer stated no, the jury will. Tarsi asked why this case is being held in Iron County as he feels finding a jury will be difficult. Tousignant stated the Judge makes that decision and was very reluctant to do so because of costs. Thayer feels seating a jury won't be that difficult as there are people that don't have any knowledge or opinion.

Closed Session – City Manager Evaluation:

Fritsche moved to enter into Closed Session at 2:10 p.m. for reasons of evaluating an employee.
Dood seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Mercier, Powell, Dood, Fritsche and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 3:12 p.m.

Roll Call: Dood, Fritsche, Mercier, Powell and Tarsi

Absent: None.

Also present: Thayer and Andreski.

Public Present: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dood moved to adjourn at 3:13 p.m. Mercier seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.



Rachel Andreski, City Clerk