

IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 29, 2020
2:15 PM
Minutes

Call to Order – Mayor Dennis Powell called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Rodney Dood, Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia (2:16 p.m.), Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent – None.

Also Present – Interim Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski, Attorney Mark Tousignant, Treasurer Amanda Tukesbrey and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

City Manager Employment Agreement - Mayor Powell asked Tousignant if he wanted to highlight any information regarding Andreski's employment agreement. Tousignant stated that everyone had a copy so there were not a lot of highlights but then asked if anyone had any questions. He said the agreement was made with information discussed in the meeting with himself, Powell, Leonoff and Andreski. Mayor Powell then asked if anyone had any questions. Garcia stated the agreement looks good to him. Andreski stated all was good with her also but asked when the effective date would be. Tousignant stated the effective date would be January 1, 2021 but he would prefer to get the agreement signed as soon as possible before the 1st of the year. Andreski then asked Council if they would like to continue to keep Tukesbrey and Coates helping with duties until a new clerk would be hired. Clements asked if a motion was needed and Tousignant stated there was not, to just continue the way it has been. Andreski said she will update the ad and get it in the paper.

Dood motioned with support from Leonoff to accept the contract as written.

Roll call: Ayes – 5: Clements, Garcia, Leonoff, Dood and Powell. Nays – 0: Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Leonoff and Garcia congratulated Andreski and accepting the City Manager position. Dood stated he looked forward to continuing working with Andreski. Andreski stated it will be nice to be able to only focus on manager jobs and be able to make more progress.

Andreski stated that January's meeting would be held on the 20th and at that time she would present a schedule for 2021. She also stated that January 15th would be the deciding date as to whether

Council could meet in person or via Zoom. Andreski said the Order specifically states board and governmental meetings cannot meet in person. Garcia stated he prefers to not have our police department ticketing businesses that are already struggling. Tousignant stated the City does not have much choice because the State is holding the purse strings.

Dood asked Andreski if there were any grants available with the new relief bill that was signed by Governor Whitmer today and she stated she did not have a chance to review the bill, but would check into it. She did state that the City will receive another round of funding associated with the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Grant for First Responders. The total amount received will be \$32,055.

Garcia asked if a Zoom meeting could be set up regarding the marijuana issue. Tousignant stated a discussion should be done and asked Council Members if they all had a chance to look at the sample ordinances he supplied them at the November meeting. He suggested Members review the ordinances and supplying questions so the meeting could move forward smoothly. The date of January 13, 2021 and time of 10 a.m. via Zoom was agreed upon for the workshop meeting.

Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.


Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer