

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2022**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Call to Order – Deputy Mayor Rodney Dood called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call –Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Dood.

Absent – Dennis Powell.

Also Present – City Manager Rachel Andreski, City Clerk Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Jere Fritsche and Gary Pisoni.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GEI Proposal – Singler Street Sewer:**

Andreski explained in March of last year, a resident experienced sewer back up problems in which a six-inch sanitary sewer line was discovered that was not up to EGLE code. She obtained a proposal from GEI and noted construction observation services are not included in the proposal at this time as they will have a better idea once they see the selected contractor's schedule. She added funds are available in the Sewer Fund to complete the work this fiscal year and recommended Council's approval to obtain competitive bids before spring and contractor's schedules fill up. This project is listed on the CY2022 CIP.

Garcia moved with support from Leonoff to accept GEI's proposal for Engineering Design, EGLE Permitting, and Bidding Services for the 2022 Singler Street Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$5,800.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements, Leonoff, Garcia and Dood. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Powell. Motion carried.

**WIC Public Schools Street Name Change Request:**

Andreski said she had received a request from West Iron County School Superintendent, Kevin Schmutzler, to change the name of Garfield Avenue to N. Baumgartner Way in honor of Olympic Gold Medalist Nick Baumgartner. Baumgartner will be the key-note speaker at graduation this year and they would like to do the unveiling of the street sign at that time. She said there are no other businesses or houses located on Garfield so the change would only affect the school. She said it would be a simple change on the school's end. For the City, it is a lengthy process with the State of Michigan, but she believes it can be done prior to graduation.

Garcia moved with support from Leonoff to begin the process of changing the name of Garfield Avenue to N. Baumgartner Way or Nick Baumgartner Way whichever the school decides. Motion carried. Abstain – Clements. Absent – 1: Powell.

**2022 Street Improvements Projects:**

Andreski stated that Council had previously approved the CY2022 Capital Improvements Plan. Individual items would need to be approved separately as funding allows. GEI has provided preliminary project costs for various streets that have been on the City's to do list for quite some time. She said included on the CIP is Genesee Street from River Avenue to US Highway 2 which is a Major Street. She said there has also been some discussion of having Jasper Street from Washington to McKinley done. Andreski said she would also like to add Reagan, from Jasper to Iris to be added at the same time to save on mobilization costs. Andreski said if bids come in close to the engineer's estimate, she believes funding is available. Council asked to have a price to run sidewalks along E. Genesee from River to Cedar and to add a couple inches to the thickness of the sidewalk along E. Genesee to Stambaugh Hill.

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to go forward with bidding on E. Genesee Street, Reagan Street and Jasper Street as noted in GEI's Preliminary Opinion of Probable Project Costs.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Garcia, Leonoff, Clements and Dood. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Powell. Motion carried.

**DDA Appointment:**

Andreski said there has been a vacancy on the DDA for quite some time. Kelly Dvorak, co-owner of Apple Blossom Pet Clinic expressed interested in becoming a Member by completing the application. Dood nominated Dvorak to a three-year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Powell

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

Dood adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m. All were in favor; Motion carried.

  
Bernadette Coates, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer