

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, June 30, 2022
10 AM
Minutes**

Mayor Dennis Powell called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call –Anthony Clements, Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent – Rodney Dood and Benjamin Garcia.

Also Present – City Manager Rachel Andreski, Attorney Mark Tousignant and City Clerk Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Craig Richardson, Mike Premo and Sherri Robertson (WICKWIRE), Krist Atanasoff, Stanley Atanasoff and Jeff Bal (GEI).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Bal (GEI) said he was in attendance to calm any nerves the City may be having due to the resignation of Craig Richardson from GEI. He said the support GEI has received from the City and surrounding areas has been very positive and he greatly appreciates it. He said they have always employed 12 to 14 people, including Andreski at one time. He said he was available to answer any questions relating to the open projects already with GEI along with the pay request and change order on the agenda. He said GEI has well over 1,000 drawings of the City's and over 10,000 throughout the County and Iron River's office is one of leading offices within their 40 offices across the Country. He said GEI is in Iron County for the long term and he looks forward to continuing those services and working with the City.

Craig Richardson thanked Council for allowing them to present information about his new company and the services they provide. The new company is WICKWIRE (WW) Infrastructure Solutions – Consulting. Richardson said he is President, Mike Premo, Vice President, and Sherri Robertson, Office Manager. He said he had been the City's Project Engineer for 19 years and currently is working with his fifth City Manager. He said his new company has the resources to continue to serve the City and is asking for consideration to provide those services in the same capacity as previously held by GEI.

NEW BUSINESS

Engagement of City Engineer:

Andreski said she was notified that Richardson was resigning from GEI and she met with Jeff Bal and Mike Gatzow about what that would mean for them with Richardson's absence. Since then, a proposal from WW was received on Monday June 27th. She said it is her responsibility when changes such as this present, is to notify Council and it would be their responsibility on how to proceed. She said she conferred with Tousignant, and he suggested the special meeting.

Tousignant said the primary item would be the contract termination and the contract which states termination can be done with 10 days notice and only pay for services through that time.

Leonoff said he would rather wait for the whole board to decide. He didn't feel it was good for only three members to make such a decision.

Powell agreed it would be best to make the decision with a full board. He asked Bal to get Andreski a proposal as soon as possible. Bal said he didn't understand presenting a new proposal because there is already an agreement in place and he asked Powell what specific information he wanted him to present. Tousignant said the proposal should include information for any future projects and looking at the existing contract would be up to GEI to decide.

Clements also agreed a full board should be in attendance, and then said the decision needed to be made sooner rather than later.

All agreed it was better to table until a full board would be present. A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th at a time TBD when Andreski speaks with Dood and Garcia.

2022 Allen and Singler Street Sanitary Sewer Payment Request No. 1 and Change Order No.

1:

Andreski explained during construction, a concrete retaining wall needed to be replaced during the pipe installation on Allen Street. Unsuitable soils were also encountered which needed to be replaced with sand material to prevent settling and cracking.

Leonoff moved with support from Powell to approve the 2022 Allen and Singler Street Sanitary Sewer Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$179,348.30 and Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$11,841.32.

Roll call: Ayes – 3: Clements, Leonoff and Powell. Nays – 0: Absent – 2: Dood and Garcia. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Powell moved with support from Clements to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent – Dood and Garcia.



Bernadette Coates, City Clerk