

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2022
3:30 PM
Minutes**

Mayor Dennis Powell called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Rodney Dood, Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Rachel Andreski, Craig Richardson and Seth Miatech (WICKWIRE), and City Clerk Bernadette Coates.

Public in attendance: Vicky Powell.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Richardson requested that 5. Old Business a. and b. be switched around. He said in his opinion, without the DWSRF Project there would be no sense in moving forward with the Wellhead Protection Plan.

DWSRF Project Plan Preparation Proposal - WICKWIRE

Richardson said there is approximately \$1.5B in EGLE funding for projects for clean water and drinking water strategic revolving funds. He said approximately \$1M in improvements have been identified through the last approved Capital Improvement Plan. This would include the last of the remaining cast iron water mains that is between Homer Road and 9th Avenue, that runs along Trident Maritime property. He said the valves nor hydrants are in working order. Also included are three pressure reducing valve stations that need replacing due to age and installing tank mixers in both water tanks to prevent freezing in the colder months. Richardson said these applications will be scored and there is a risk to applying. He said funding is not guaranteed and may not be 50% or 100% funded however the project plans would be good for 5 years and could be used if not funded now. The \$25,000 for engineering fees would be refunded to the City if the Plan is funded.

Powell moved with support from Leonoff to approve the DWSRF Project Plan Preparation Proposal – WICKWIRE in the amount of \$25,000 to determine eligibility for funding.

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

2023 Wellhead Protection Plan Updates Proposal - WICKWIRE

Richardson said the Wellhead Protection Plan is only good for five years. He said most of the time, nothing changes but now points are awarded if the plan is up to date. The City's current plan has expired.

Garcia moved with support Dood to approve the 2023 Wellhead Protection Plan Update Proposal for Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$5,500 for the 2023 Wellhead Protection Program renewal.

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

CWSRF Project Plan Preparation Proposal - WICKWIRE

Richardson said several years ago, the City received an EGLE grant to create a comprehensive asset management plan to identify eligible improvements. The City has submitted an Intent to Apply for approximately \$4.9M of improvements to the City’s sanitary sewer system to replace approximately 7,000 feet of sanitary sewer main and 79 manholes.

Powell moved with support from Dood to approve the CWSRF Project Plan Preparation Proposal – WICKWIRE in the amount of \$25,000.

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

Sparks Grant Application and Resolution

Clements moved with support from Dood to adopt the Resolution of Authorization to be included with the Spark Grant Application for Ice Lake Park.

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

Christmas Stipend

Dood moved with support from Leonoff to provide a Christmas Stipend to all full and part time employees in the amount of \$250.

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

Allied 100, LLC Sales Quote – AED’s

Andreski said the IRPD and City Hall are in need of new AED’s. The City patrol vehicles had three AED’s but two had to be removed from the fleet because they are obsolete, and batteries could not be found to use in them. Andreski said part of the Enbridge Grant funds could be used towards this purchase. She said the quote is for two units, however she felt it beneficial for City Hall to have a unit also.

Garcia moved with support from Leonoff to accept Allied 100, LLC sales quote to purchase two AED units in the amount of \$3,506.74 plus the cost of an additional third unit with accessories.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Garcia said the snow jockeys are piling snow on the sidewalks again. He said he would like to enforce that snow cannot be piled on sidewalks. He said people would walk on the sidewalks if they could and it is dangerous for them to walk on the streets.


Andreski said at the last ZBA meeting, a time factor for removal of the Skozen shed was not specified. She said in her letter to them, they had 30 days to remove the shed. Skozen’s replied that they could not remove the shed in that time. Andreski asked if a ZBA meeting could be called before the next Council meeting on December 21st if needed. Dood and Leonoff said they assumed it would not be moved until Spring anyway.

Andreski said per her contract, her review would be coming up in January and asked when Council would want to do it. She provided a form for their review and asked them to return it after the new

year. It was agreed that review discussion would take place at the regular meeting in January. It was also suggested to discuss Council's goals and objectives at a special meeting in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.


Bernadette Coates, City Clerk