

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015  
2 PM  
Minutes**

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

Roll Call: Daniel Baumgartner, Rick Commenator, Jere Fritsche, Edward Marcell and Tarsi.

Absent: None.

Also present: Attorney Mark Tousignant, Manager Perry Franzoi, Chief Laura Frizzo, and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Keith Hamel, John Cimarelli, Chris Piette, Bill LaRock, Jeff Bal (GEI Consultants), Ben Smith (Iron County Doings) and Jere DeRoche (Iron County Reporter).

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Commenator moved to accept the agenda as written. Marcell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Commenator moved, Fritsche seconded to accept the December 17, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes and the December 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Marcell moved; Commenator seconded; all were in favor; to accept as written the Consent Agenda which included the following:

- a) December 30, 2014 WICSA Agenda Packet
- b) December 10, 2014 Iron River Housing Commission Meeting Minutes
- c) December 2014 DDA/TIF Financials

**REPORTS**

**Manager's Report:** Franzoi touched on the proposed road funding changes that the Governor has issued that will occur if voters in the state approve the ballot initiative. The proposal will increase the sales tax by 1%, but it is unclear how much additional money will be received. The funding follows the existing Act 51 formula which highlights Major Streets and the City needs the money in the Local Street Fund.

Baumgartner moved to accept the Manager's Report. Fritsche seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

**DPW Director's Report:** Tarsi asked for an update on the water department regarding operators and sampling/chlorinating. Franzoi explained that two employees from the DPW took the test and scored just under the passing mark and he hopes they will retake the test in the spring. As for the sampling, Franzoi feels that because of the time of year, it is highly unlikely there is bacteria in the system and that the samples were contaminated. Sampling taps per DEQ standards have recently been installed and will be used.

Sheltrow requested an additional \$2,700 for rubber cutting edge replacement for the pickup truck plows. Rubber originally ordered did not work so D.A. Macpherson can supply the product needed for the additional money. Commenator moved, Baumgartner seconded to purchase the correct rubber cutting edge replacement for an additional \$2,700 from D.A. Macpherson.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Commenator moved to accept the DPW Director's Report. Baumgartner seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

**IRPD Chief's Report:** Marcell moved, Commenator seconded to accept the IRPD Chief's Report. All in favor; motion carried.

**Attorney:** Fritsche moved to accept the Attorney Report. Commenator seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

## **FINANCIALS**

**December 2014 Financials (Revenue/Expenditure Report):** Commenator questioned that in almost all activities, the line item "supplies" is over budget. Franzoi explained that not enough money was budgeted and Tarsi mentioned he asked the Treasurer and she informed him it happens every year. The December 2014 Financials (Revenue/Expenditures Report) was approved by Commenator and supported by Baumgartner.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**December 2014 Check Register:** Marcell moved to accept the December 2014 Check Register. Baumgartner seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Commenator, Fritsche, Baumgartner, Marcell and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Ayres Associates:** An invoice from Ayres Associates in the amount of \$1,350 for bridge inspections performed every 2 years was approved by Commenator and supported by Fritsche.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Marcell, Fritsche, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Casper's Truck Equipment:** An invoice in the amount of \$2,672.34 from Casper's Truck Equipment for spring assemblies for the root plows (underbodies) was approved by Fritsche and supported by Commenator.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Marcell, Commenator, Fritsche and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Iron County Equalization Department Invoices:** Commenator moved to pay the invoice from the Iron County Equalization Department for 2014 tax printing in the amount of \$4,244.75 with Marcell supporting.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Fritsche, Marcell, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Tousignant's Invoice:** Baumgartner moved with support from Fritsche to pay Tousignant's invoice in the amount of \$4,531.25.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Commenator, Marcell, Fritsche, Baumgartner and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**GEI Consultants, Inc. – Vibration Monitoring Proposal:** Franzoi explained that this proposal is for the demolition of the former Coast to Coast building. The purpose of the monitoring is to see in real time if damage is being done to the Anderson Building as demolition is being done. Franzoi recommends approval of the proposal. Commenator moved with support from Baumgartner to hire award GEI Consultants, Inc.'s proposal in the amount of \$4,150 for vibration monitoring.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**West Iron District Library Board Appointment:** Baumgartner moved with support from Marcell to re-appoint Sandy Holmes to the West Iron District Library Board. All in favor; motion carried.

**Iron River Planning Commission Appointments:** Commenator moved, Baumgartner seconded to re-appoint Robert Byczek, Jr. and Peter Djupe to the Iron River Planning Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**West Iron County Fire Authority Appointment:** Fritsche moved, Marcell seconded to appoint Michael Brozak for another term on the West Iron County Fire Authority.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Commenator, Marcell, Fritsche and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Iron River Recreation Committee Recommendations:** Franzoi explained that there are not enough funds to perform all of the recommendations on the list provided. He suggested prioritizing the list and identifying where the funds are going to come from. Commenator moved, Fritsche supported to table the item and take Franzoi's recommendations. All in favor; motion carried.

**Sewer Credit Request – Hiawatha Country Estates:** A request was received from Rick Commenator of the Hiawatha Country Estates requesting a \$484 credit for the sewer portion of the utility bill. A broken hose connection on the side of one of the mobile homes expelled water onto the ground, thus the request for a break on the sewer as the water did not enter the sewer line. Franzoi noted that a similar request was made and approved in 2012 and the ordinance states an adjustment once every 3 years. No motion was made, request died for lack of support.


**Meadowbrook Insurance Settlement:** Commenator moved with support from Fritsche to accept the recommendation from Kitch to settle an insurance claim.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Marcell, Fritsche, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Council Member Comments:**

None.

**Adjournment:** Fritsche moved to adjourn at 2:46 p.m. Commenator seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

  
Rachel Andreski, Clerk