

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
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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, and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Jim Brennan, Bill LaRock, John Cimarelli, Paul VanMinsel, Barb Bartel, Bill Sanders, Jim Storti, Pete Ryyanen, Stan Zukowski, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Craig Richardson (GEI Consultants), Ben Smith (Iron County Doings) and Jere DeRoche (Iron County Reporter).

APPROVE AGENDA

Fritsche moved with support from Commenator to approved the agenda with the following amendment: Unfinished Business – move item b) West Iron District Library Courtyard Project to a) Marcell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Baumgartner moved, Fritsche seconded to accept the January 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul VanMinsel from Allen Street is questioning why the bushes on the corner of River and Allen Street are not cut down as it is a zoning violation. Franzoi responded that Mr. Lovejoy has been sent a letter and has until February 23, 2015 to respond with a plan for compliance. VanMinsel then questioned what about the other bushes throughout the City. Franzoi stated he has not received complaints about any others.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) January 27, 2015 WICSA Agenda Packet
- b) January 2015 DDA/TIF Financials

REPORTS

Manager's Report: Franzoi gave a brief update on the water temperatures and that a few more areas have been added to the "let-run" list because they are historically bad areas for freezing.

Water temperatures remain in the upper 30's and lower 40's while frost depths are at 4.5-5' in most areas.

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

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

IRPD Chief's Report: Chief Frizzo has requested the Council re-evaluate the size of the department. She is looking to hire a part-time officer to aid in filling openings in the schedule due to vacation time. Tarsi noted that during the upcoming budgeting time, the Council will look into funds to see about a possible fulltime hire. Baumgartner moved, Commenator supported to advertise for a part-time officer.

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

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

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

FINANCIALS

January 2015 Financials (Revenue/Expenditure Report): Baumgartner requested the summary report also be included moving forward. Commenator moved with support from Fritsche to accept the January 2015 Financials (Revenue/Expenditure Report).

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

January 2015 Check Register: Baumgartner moved to accept the January 2015 Check Register. Commenator seconded.

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

Compass Minerals: An invoice from Compass Minerals in the amount of \$3,953.61 for road salt was approved by Marcell and supported by Commenator.

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

ACC Planned Service, Inc.: An invoice in the amount of \$2,108.32 from ACC Planned Service, Inc. for boiler repair at City Hall was approved by Commenator and supported by Fritsche.

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

Tousignant's Invoice: Marcell moved with support from Fritsche to pay Tousignant's invoice in the amount of \$3,352.50.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

West Iron District Library Courtyard Project – Sanders & Czapski Associates, Inc.: Bill Sanders of Sanders & Czapski Associates, Inc. presented the Council with a drawing of the Library's proposed courtyard project along with an estimate of probable cost. At this time, the Library has the monies to fund the courtyard project, however, would like to see parking lot improvements as well. Tousignant requested a legal description as he feels a license is needed to protect both the City and the Library. Tarsi suggested forming a committee that could have a meeting with the Library's building committee to see if the DDA/City may have funding available. Commenator moved with support from Baumgartner to approve the concept and move forward with the licensing of the proposed Library's courtyard project and be reviewed by the Planning Commission for approval.

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

Former Coast to Coast Building – Demolition Bids: Franzoi has recommended Moyle Construction to perform the demolition even though they were not the low bidder of the six bids received. Franzoi explained that when the bids were due, Associated Constructors were not as responsive to all the requirements of the bidding documents such as the demolition plan which deals with the preservation of the Anderson building even though they were \$40,600 cheaper in price. Moyle produced a very detailed plan which protects and preserves the Anderson building along with the common wall issues. Tarsi feels that Associated is more than capable of performing the job and that \$40,600 is a lot of money that can be used elsewhere. Tarsi also contacted some of Associated's references and motioned to award the demolition bid to Associated Constructors with the stipulation depending on the bond financing. Fritsche supported. Commenator asked if the engineers have an opinion and Richardson stated that as the bids were submitted, Associated's bid did not meet the criteria established in the bidding documents. After the bid due date, they did provide answers to the 6 items in the bidding documents.

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

Urgent Need Grant Policies for Approval: Richardson of GEI Consultants provided policies that the City needs to adopt as a result in accepting the MEDC-CDBG Urgent Need Grant for watermain replacement. If the City was to receive future grant funding from this agency, it is likely they would need to adopt it as an ordinance. Tousignant has reviewed them and no conflicts have been found with existing City policies. Marcell moved, with support from Baumgartner, to adopt the Federal Grant Program Procurement Policy, Economic Opportunities Policy for Section 3 Covered Contracts, Non-Discrimination on Basis of Handicap Policy, Excessive Force Policy and Fair Housing Policy.

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

NEW BUSINESS

GEI Consultants – 2015 MDNR Recreation Grant Application Proposal: Marcell moved to approve GEI Consultant's proposal to prepare a MDNR Recreation Grant Application on behalf of the Recreation Committee to update the City's major parks for a not-to-exceed fee of \$3,000. Commenator seconded.

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

GEI Consultants – Recreation Committee Bidding/Specs Proposal: Commenator moved with support from Marcell to approve GEI Consultant's proposal for Bachman and Nanaimo Parks Building Improvements Bid Document Preparation for a not-to-exceed fee of \$8,750.

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

Klint Safford Memorial RV Park – Rate Changes: Commenator moved, Fritsche supported to approve the suggested rate changes provided by the Iron County Chamber of Commerce for the Klint Safford Memorial RV Park.

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

Iron River Planning Commission Appointment – Jere Fritsche: Baumgartner moved to appoint Fritsche to the Iron River Planning Commission for another term expiring January 19, 2018. Marcell seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Commenator, Marcell, Baumgartner and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Abstain – 1: Fritsche. Motion carried.

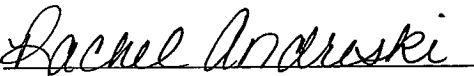
Windsor Center Millage Proposal - Resolution: Fritsche moved with support from Marcell to pass the Windsor Center's Millage Proposal Resolution so the millage may be placed on the ballot for the May election.

Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Baumgartner, Marcell, Fritsche and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Abstain – 1: Commenator. Motion carried.

Council Member Comments:

Tarsi received a memo from Jim Brennan stating that Oldenburg's CFO confirmed they hoped Iron County would build an airport near their present plant.

Adjournment: Commenator moved to adjourn at 3:31 p.m. Fritsche seconded. All in favor; motion carried.


Rachel Andreski, Clerk