

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 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: Paul VanMinsel, Ray Coates, Mark Polley, Mike Manfrom, Wayne Koski, Alma Baumgartner, Ron Simmons, Craig Richardson (GEI Consultants), Ben Smith (Iron County Doings) and Nikki Mitchell (Iron County Reporter).

APPROVE AGENDA

Commenator moved with support from Marcell to approve the agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commenator moved, Baumgartner seconded to accept the March 18, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes and March 25, 2015 Public Hearing and Special Minutes as written. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Smith asked when the Mayor was going to resign as he is also sitting as Chair on the DDA which is a conflict of interest and a violation of the City Charter. Tousignant responded that the Mayor has always held a position on the DDA and he will look into the matter further. Tarsi said if it is a conflict, he will resign his position.

Paul VanMinsel stated that what Smith is trying to say is that he isn't asking Tarsi to step down from the DDA, but that he resigns as Acting Chair on the DDA. Tarsi asked if VanMinsel is speaking for Smith and he responded that it is just his understanding.

Wayne Koski spoke with Ed Marcell about the Tax Rebate Lakeshore is receiving. He is asking the Council for more information. Franzoi responded that an existing agreement was put in place 20-25 years ago for a lease of property where in turn a rebate was given. The Agreement is coming due in the next month or two.

VanMinsel asked when the bushes on River and Allen Street are going to be removed. Tarsi said when the frost is out of the ground, the DPW will come and rip the bushes out, put topsoil down, and replant grass.

Polley went on record to say that about a year ago he had contacted Fritsche and shortly after Commenator about an issue, and to date, he has not heard from either of them. He feels he was treated poorly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Baumgartner raised a question about the toxicity levels at the sewer facility. Franzoi explained that currently, the minnows are surviving, however, the fleas are dying so there is an issue. The authority is trying to pinpoint what the chemical is and where it is coming from. Baumgartner moved; Fritsche seconded; all were in favor; to accept as written the Consent Agenda which included the following:

- a) March 31, 2015 WICSA Agenda Packet
- b) March 2015 DDA/TIF Financials
- c) February 10, 2015 Iron River Housing Commission Meeting Minutes
- d) March 17, 2015 Iron River Housing Commission Meeting Minutes

REPORTS

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

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

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

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

FINANCIALS

March 2015 Financials: Commenator moved with support from Marcell to accept the March 2015 Financials.

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

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

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

Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc. Invoice: An invoice from Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc. in the amount of \$1,269.75 for the replacement brooms for the Johnson sweeper was approved by Marcell and supported by Commenator.

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

Energenecs Invoice: An invoice in the amount of \$1,480.54 from Energenecs was approved by Commenator and supported by Baumgartner a new back-up transducer for the well houses.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

MML Membership Renewal Invoice: Commenator moved, Baumgartner supported to approve an invoice from the Michigan Municipal League for membership renewal through May 31, 2016.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, 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 \$5,584.10.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Commenator, Marcell, Fritsche, Baumgartner and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water/Sewer Rates: Commenator moved to adopt the proposed water rates and charges with Fritsche supporting.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Marcell, Fritsche, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

SAW Grant – Sewer Televising Big Award: Craig Richardson of GEI Consultants provided their Bid Award Recommendation for SAW Grant Sanitary Sewer Televising. Based on his recommendation, Fritsche moved with support from Commenator to award the Bid to Great Lakes TV Seal, Inc. for \$100,320.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Marcell, Commenator, Fritsche and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WIC Public Schools – Attic Rental: Commenator moved to waive the rental fee for the Attic for the WIC Public Schools Project Graduation. Marcell seconded.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Baumgartner, Fritsche, Marcell, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

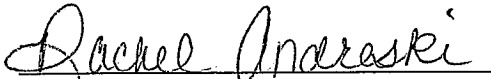
Iron Range Amateur Radio Club: Alma Baumgartner and Ron Simmons, members from the Iron Range Amateur Radio Club, requested funds to purchase emergency communication equipment. Baumgartner moved to with Commenator supporting to sponsor the Iron Range Amateur Radio Club in the amount of \$500.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Commenator, Baumgartner and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Budget: Commenator moved to hold the Public Hearing on May 27, 2015 at 10 a.m. with a special meeting following. Baumgartner supported.
Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Auditor Contract Renewal: Baumgartner moved to request a proposal for audit services and compliance from DA Rostagno CPA. Tarsi seconded.
Roll Call: Ayes -5: Commenator, Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Council Member Comments: Commenator challenged the neighboring units of government to support the Iron Range Amateur Radio Club.

Adjournment: Commenator moved to adjourn at 3:14 p.m. Baumgartner seconded. All in favor; motion carried.


Rachel Andreski, Clerk