

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 15, 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 and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Garritt Bader, Jay Barry, Darren Mercier, Wayne Koski, Keith Hamel Craig Richardson (GEI Consultants), Nikki Mitchel (Iron County Reporter) and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Commenator moved with support from Fritsche to approve the agenda with the following addition: 7. Reports – Manager’s Report, 9. Unfinished Business: e) Former Cloverland Motel Parking Lot Bid and f) Pearson Asbestos Abatement, Inc. Proposal. All in favor; motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Fritsche moved, Commenator seconded to accept the June 16, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes and June 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keith Hamel noted that a “food” truck was parked on the sidewalk on Genesee Street during the Fourth of July parade and thought it was dangerous especially for children. He requested that the truck be asked to move to a side street for future events.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a) June 30, 2015 WICSA Agenda Packet
- b) 2015-16 Proposed WICSA Budget
- c) May 19, 2015 Iron River Housing Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

**REPORTS**

**DPW Director’s Report:** Tarsi noted that Sheltraw is requesting to sell two pick-up trucks that were previously selected and advertised to sell. The bids were rejected by the Council and Marcell

suggested setting a minimum bid. Commenator moved to accept the DPW Director's Report. Fritsche seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

Commenator moved to approve a quote from JCS, Inc. for Street Pavement Markings for \$7,557.20 and Parking Lot Pavement Markings (4 each) for \$1,980 with support from Baumgardner.

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

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

**Attorney:** Tousignant gave a verbal account of his report. Commenator moved to accept the Attorney Report. Fritsche seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**Manager's Report:** Tarsi stated that City Manager Franzoi resigned his position as of Monday morning at approximately 8:30 a.m. A resignation letter was submitted to Clerk Andreski. Fritsche moved, with support from Commenator, to accept City Manager Franzoi's letter of resignation dated July 13, 2015.

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

## **FINANCIALS**

**June 2015 Financials:** These will be available after the Fiscal Year End Close.

**June 2015 Check Register:** Commenator questioned a check for hanging baskets that was written from the DDA funds. He has received comments as to why they were not purchased locally. Tarsi responded that suppliers in our community were approached, and they could not provide what was needed. Commenator moved to receive and file the June 2015 Check Register. Baumgartner seconded.

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

**Sensus Invoice :** An invoice in the amount of \$1,784.47 from Sensus for software support for the water meter reading equipment was approved by Marcell and supported by Commenator.

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

**Tousignant's Invoice:** Fritsche moved, with support from Commenator, to pay Tousignant's Invoice in the amount of \$4,713.14 for attorney's fees and expenses through June 30, 2015.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Optical Insurance Update:** Tarsi stated that the AFSCME Union may request mediation or arbitration for optical insurance. Discussions will be held to hopefully find a resolution. No action was taken.

**Alley Abandonment:** Garritt Bader of BG Real Estate Investments was on hand to answer any questions the Council may have. Baumgartner moved with support from Commenator to adopt the Resolution to vacate the east-west alley of Block 37 of the Plat of the Village (now City) of Iron River.

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

**City Council E-Mail:** Tousignant explained that every Councilmember should have a separate e-mail just for City use. The cost is \$60 per year per member. The Mayor already has an account. Commenator moved to set up City Council e-mails for \$60/year per member. Fritsche seconded.

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

**Former Coast to Coast Building Demolition Change Order No. 2:** Craig Richardson of GEI Consultants explained that this Change Order in the amount of (\$1,787) which entails the deduction of quantity for demolition debris disposal and the addition of two new pay items (cutting and finishing the common wall ends and installing metal siding on the common wall exterior). Change Order No. 2 also grants an extension of Contract Time necessary to complete the proposed changes. Richardson reviewed and recommended approval. Tarsi noted that the other participant in the Common Wall Agreement has not responded and that the City has done its job and in his opinion, give him the building as is. Commenator questioned if the sealing of the wall and the roof cap has been paid for but just not done. Richardson confirmed. Commenator moved with support from Fritsche to move forward with the lawsuit.

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

Commenator moved, Fritsche seconded, to grant the time extension only for Change Order No. 2. All in favor; motion carried.

**Former Cloverland Parking Lot Bid:** Tarsi noted one bid was received which had a minimum bid of \$7,600. Andreski opened the bid which was for \$7,600 from Patti Dzanbazoff. Commenator moved, with support from Marcell, to accept the bid for \$7,600 from Dzanbazoff.

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

**Pearson Asbestos Abatement, Inc. Proposal:** Tousignant explained that the City owns 1006 West Minckler and 123 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue which were purchased at state tax sale. A quote was obtained by Pearson to abate the asbestos which was found in the Minckler Street house which will need to be done prior to demolition. No abatement is necessary for the 123 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue property as levels are below MIOSHA and DEQ standards. Tarsi moved to contract with Pearson Asbestos Abatement, Inc. to perform the abatement at 1006 W. Minckler in the amount of \$2,988. Baumgartner seconded

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**WICSA Appointments :** Commenator and Roger Zanon's seats on the West Iron County Sewer Authority have expired. Both are seeking re-appointment for a two year term expiring July 1, 2015.

Marcell moved, Baumgartner seconded, to re-appoint Commenator as an alternate. Tarsi requested Commenator go to the meetings fulfilling the City Manager's seat. All in favor (Commenator abstained); motion carried.

Commenator moved with support from Fritsche to re-appoint Zanon. All in favor; motion carried.

**Brownfield Authority Appointments:** Commenator and Zanon are seeking re-appointment to the Brownfield Authority. Both are three year terms, expiring June 30, 2018. Fritsche moved to re-appoint Zanon for another term to the Brownfield Authority. Baumgartner seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Baumgartner moved with support from Fritsche to re-appoint Commenator to the Brownfield Authority for another term. All in favor (Commenator abstained); motion carried.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment:** Richard Bekkala is seeking re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another three year term expiring July 1, 2018. Commenator moved, Fritsche seconded, to appoint Bekkala to another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor; motion carried.

**Board of Review Appointment:** Janet Stello, Roger Zanon and Keith Hamel are requesting to be re-appointed to the Board of Review for a three year term, expiring July 1, 2018. Fritsche moved, Commenator seconded to appoint Stello to the Board of Review for another term. All in favor; motion carried.

Fritsche moved to re-appoint Zanon to the Board of Review for another term. Marcell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Fritsche moved to re-appoint Hamel o the Board of Review (alternate) for another term. Marcell seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

**Wykon Athletic Booster Club Ad:** Commenator moved with support from Fritsche to place an ad in the sports program book with the Wykon Athletic Booster Club in the amount of \$40. Roll Call: Ayes -5: Baumgartner, Marcell, Fritsche, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Corrpro – Cathodic Protection System:** Richardson explained this is routine maintenance for our water tanks which include checking the paint and operating system. Commenator moved to approve Corrpro's annual service agreement for cathodic protection for the Amber Street and Hunter Road tanks in the amount of \$1,520. Baumgartner supported. Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Fritsche, Marcell, Baumgartner, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Heartland Communications Group - Ad:** Bob Black dropped off an Agreement in the event the City would like to run an ad on air. No action was taken.

**Set Date and Time for Work Session for Short Term Strategic Initiatives:** Andreski will contact Bruce Redmond to see if he would be interested in facilitating a work session. No action was taken.

**Set Date and Time for August Regular Meeting:** Baumgartner has been approached by some residents to hold evening meetings. Baumgartner moved to have August and December's regular meeting at 6 p.m. Commenator seconded. All in favor; motion carried.


**Designate Assistant Treasurer and Set Interim Salary:** Tarsi requested that this item be tabled and set for a later date. Fritsche moved with support from Baumgartner to table the item. Roll Call: Ayes -5: Commenator, Marcell, Baumgartner, Fritsche and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Designate Interim City Manager:** Tarsi explained he met with Tousignant and Andreski after the resignation of Franzoi. Tarsi was advised by Tousignant that an interim city manager will need to be appointed. Tarsi previously asked Andreski if she would be the interim city manager until further notice in which she agreed. Tarsi moved, with support from Commenator, to appoint Andreski as the Interim City Manager for \$28 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes -5: Baumgartner, Fritsche, Marcell, Commenator and Tarsi. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Councilmember Comments:**

Tarsi would like to start the search for a City Manager immediately, however, is not interested in contracting with the MML again. He would like to see a committee formed to aid in the process. Tarsi moved to have a Special Meeting on July 22, 2015 at 9 a.m. to set up procedures on how to proceed in hiring a City Manager. Fritsche supported.

**Adjournment:** Marcell moved to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Baumgartner seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

  
Rachel Andreski, Clerk