

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
SPECIAL MEETING
IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 1, 2015
9 AM
Minutes**

Mayor Terry Tarsi called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., in the Alfred Perlongo Meeting Room at the West Iron County Fire Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Daniel Baumgartner, William Commenator, Jere Fritsche, Edward Marcell and Tarsi.
Absent: None.

Also present: City Attorney Mark Tousignant and Interim City Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Jon Wierda and Craig Richardson (GEI Consultants).

APPROVE AGENDA

Fritsche moved with support from Commenator to approve the Agenda as written. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Wierda stated he was a candidate for the City Manager position and appreciated the opportunity to submit his qualifications. He questioned when the audit will be completed for this fiscal year and will the auditor be available at a public meeting. Andreski explained that due to the water damage sustained to City Hall, the audit had to be rescheduled for October 19, 2015. Once the audit is completed and staff has assembled all the components, copies will be distributed and a representative will make a presentation and recommendations to the Council during a public meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice Lake Park MDNR Grant Application Resubmittal and Resolution: Craig Richardson of GEI Consultants and Recreation Committee Member updated the Council that a Recreation Meeting was held the previous week as the City's preliminary score was received for the Grant Application of 280 points. Historically, Richardson reported that the funding level is in the 340 range. The City is able to make changes to the application in order to obtain a higher score. The City of Caspian has made a commitment to share in the maintenance and operation with an annual clean-up. Richardson thanked the City of Caspian for their cooperation. Andreski has obtained a letter of support from the Iron County Veteran's Service Office as well as the American Legion Post. The last area to obtain more points is to increase the local "cash" match. The funds can come from anywhere with a year and a half to raise funds. Worst case scenario if the City is awarded the Grant and the funds can't be found, the City can decline the Grant.

Commenator moved to re-submit the Ice Lake Park MDNR Grant Application by attempting to gain 135 points for the application by increasing the items discussed and the 40% local match. Tarsi supported.

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

IRPD Floor Request: Chief Frizzo had requested to have the flooring replaced in the police department in May. At that time, no action was taken and she is looking again to the Council for approval as she has budgeted funds for this project. Commenator moved to seek bids for flooring in the police department. Marcell seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

Truck Equipment Invoice: Andreski stated at September's Regular Meeting, an invoice from Truck Equipment was tabled pending more information. Two LED beacon lights for the City's vactor truck (vehicle #182) were purchased for \$1,441.60. The restocking and shipping fee to return them is \$332.98. Fritsche moved with support from Commenator to return the two LED beacon lights to Truck Equipment in the amount of \$332.98 for re-stocking and shipping.

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

2015 Sanitary Sewer Repairs Bid Award: Richardson stated five bids were received with a low bid from FA Industrial Services in the amount of \$87,182.80. An alternate was included to substitute material for a decrease in contract price of \$4,000, which is his recommendation.

Baumgartner moved, with support from Commenator to award the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Repairs Bid to FA Industrial Services in the amount of \$87,182.80 along with accepting the alternate.

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

Department of Public Works Garage – Heating Proposals: Previously, Rick Sheltrow had included in his Manager's Report a request to replace two heating units in the DPW garage. The existing heaters have cracked heat exchangers and are not operational. Andreski is requesting the Council's approval to advertise for their replacement.

Commenator moved to advertise for the replacement of two heaters including installation. Fritsche seconded. Tarsi and Fritsche will assist Andreski in writing the request for proposals.

All in favor; motion carried.

City Manager – Authorization and Negotiations (Executive Session): Commenator moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. to discuss negotiation parameters and authorization for the City Manager Contract. Fritsche seconded.

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

The Special Meeting resumed at 10:12 a.m.

Roll Call: Baumgartner, Commenator, Fritsche, Marcell and Tarsi

Absent: None.

Also present: Tousignant and Andreski.

Public Present: None.

Marcell moved, with support from Commenator, to send a counter proposal for the City Manager position and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate the parameters as discussed in executive session.

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

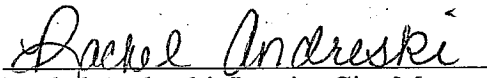
NEW BUSINESS

MERS – C. Barrette: Officer Cindy Barrette has applied for disability retirement through MERS explained Tousignant. MERS is requesting in writing from the City as to their position whether the application is supported, opposed, or no position taken. Tousignant suggested the Council take no position on the matter. Commenator moved, Fritsche seconded, to take no position on Cindy Barrette's disability retirement application.

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

Council Member Comments:

Adjournment: Commenator moved to adjourn at 10:17 a.m., with support from Fritsche. All in favor; motion carried.



Rachel Andreski, Interim City Manager/Clerk