

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
SPECIAL MEETING
IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, August 25, 2016
10 AM
Minutes**

Mayor Terry Tarsi called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers at the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Daniel Baumgartner, Jere Fritsche, Tricia Mercier, Edward Marcell and Tarsi.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager David Thayer and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson, GEI Consultants and Ray Coates (10:29 a.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3rd/Madison Street Watermain Project Bid Approval: Richardson reported that four bids were received, and after his review, it is his recommendation to award the bid to FA Industrial Services in the amount of \$51,951.70. Tarsi questioned when the start date would be in which Richardson responded the contractor can start as soon as the contracts have been signed. The substantial completion date is October 15, 2016, with the final completion date of November 1, 2016. Tarsi asked if the contractor doesn't finish by the deadlines, then what happens. Richardson stated in the contract, liquidated damages are assessed at \$500 per day. Richardson added that inspection services are included in the agreement the City has with GEI. Baumgartner moved, Marcell supported, to award the 3rd/Madison Street Watermain Project bid to FA Industrial Services in the amount of \$51,951.70.

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

Amber Street Sanitary Sewer Project Bid Approval: Richardson stated four bids were also received for this project with the lowest also coming from FA Industrial Services in the amount of \$86,731.35. The engineer's estimate was \$87,000 with the same completion date schedule applies for this project as it does for 3rd/Madison Street Watermain project. Marcell moved to award the Amber Street Sanitary Sewer Project Bid to FA Industrial Services in the amount of \$86,731.35. Fritsche seconded.

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

Amber Street Resurfacing Project Bid Approval: Only one bid was received from Northeast Asphalt for the resurfacing of Amber Street and portions of 3rd/Madison Street in the amount of \$98,792. The standard completion date is June of next year. Tarsi fears that prices could be higher

if the project is put on hold now and is re-bid in the spring. Fritsche move, Tarsi seconded to award the Amber Street and Third Avenue Paving Project to Northeast Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$98,792.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ICECA Resolution: Thayer has concerns that if the County doesn't approve the contract soon, the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance (ICECA) will lose momentum, energy and desire. Given that Iron River is the largest local unit in the County, Thayer feels the City needs to provide some leadership and encouragement for others so that this can move forward. All municipalities, with the exception of Gaastra, was excited about the concept, however, they want to wait to see how the County Board is going to vote before pledging the \$3 per head fee. Thayer drafted a resolution of support with the review of Rick Kent and Tarsi. Thayer feels that by Iron River taking this stance, it will take pressure off of other municipalities that may not know how to proceed. At the last ICEDA meeting, a County Board member was present and the group stated that this is an excellent time for the County Board to step up and take leadership on dealing with our economic issues. The response from that member was it may not happen until after the budget is adopted to see if funds are available. Thayer stated that it wasn't about the budget, but the commitment and priority as to the importance because if something isn't done soon, this County will continue to die and get to the point of no return. Kent feels that this will be on the September 14, 2016, agenda for consideration. Baumgartner agrees that something has to be done to get business to come here. Fritsche stated that someone has to take the lead on this to help it move forward so why not the City as his concern is the County is to slow. Tarsi strongly believes in this and has been waiting for years for this and that the City doesn't have a strong voice on that Board. Thayer's intent is to share this resolution with all other communities. Baumgartner questioned if this is in our budget. Thayer stated the City cannot afford to not participate and he will redirect the funds. Marcell moved, with support from Mercier, to adopt the ICECA Resolution.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Thayer reported that an inspection is set up with Pearson Asbestos at the former Wardo's building to see if there is asbestos and/or lead paint present in the building. Before GEI can move forward with more specifics, they need to know the status. Tarsi asked if we can move forward with cleaning up the back of the building, but Richardson stated that can't be done until the results of the sampling is complete and if asbestos and/or lead paint is present, removal and disposal has to be handled accordingly.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

Adjournment: Fritsche moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m., with support from Marcell. All in favor;
Motion carried.



Rachel Andreski, City Clerk