

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 2024
4:30 PM**

Mayor Rodney Dood called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Dennis Powell, Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Dood.
Also Present – City Manager Rachel Andreski, City Clerk, Tyana Elenbaas, Craig Richardson (WICKWIRE), Vicky Powell and Chief Harrington.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

New City Hall Roof Replacement Bid Award

Richardson explained that we had received 4 bids, with Independent Roofing and Siding Company out of Escanaba taking the lowest bid. Their bid came in at \$29,500. Richardson stated that he followed up with the company and they felt confident with their bid. With this bid, we will receive a 15-year no dollar warranty on the roof from the manufacturer from a certified company. Clements motioned with support from Garcia to accept Independent Roofing and Siding Company estimate for \$29,500 and sign the Notice of Award.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Powell, Leonoff, Garcia, Clements and Dood. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

EGLE FY2025 CWSRF Wastewater Project Funding

Richardson stated EGLE is offering a principal forgiveness of 12% of the total project cost. WICKWIRE submitted grant scenarios which showed different loan amounts, the principal forgiveness and what the annual payment could be. The manhole conditions report was included, which showed that 4% of our manholes were rated in terrible condition and another 7% which were rated bad. Meaning that 90 manholes would need to be replaced within the next 7 years. 49% were rated good.

Garcia asked how the funding would work and are we committed to this funding if we were to agree. Richardson explained that we could move forward and send out bids and adjust for the bond accordingly. We are not committed but we do need to accept currently, or the funding will be reallocated. He noted that WICKWIRE could write the proposal, and the project would begin at the earliest Spring of 2026.

Powell showed concerns over digging out the road, to which it was reassured that the excavation and repaving would be included in the bond amount.

Richardson also noted that the City of Iron River is about \$18 cheaper for water and sewage than the average in the Upper Peninsula. He, Andreski and Turksbrey held a meeting to discuss raising water rates, but all felt confident that we wouldn't need to change the rates.

Dood motioned with support from Powell to move forward with the Wastewater Project Funding.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Clements, Leonoff, Garcia, Powell and Dood. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

On-Line Auction Equipment Purchase

Andreski reminded Council that Leonoff and Clements wanted her to look more into the auction sites. The DPW needs a new haul truck and a motor grader. Currently, the DPW is using a plow truck to level the alleys. She showed Council the Ordinance regarding the City Managers roles and

responsibilities when it comes to buying items from an auction site. The ordinance states that the Council would need to give Andreski a top bid amount and what items they would like for her to pursue. Andreski supplied the Council with an Equipment Debt Service Report, that showed we are coming to an end on a couple of the payments. It also showed that there are available funds both in the Motor Pool Fund and the General Fund. Leonoff motioned with support from Garcia to allow Andreski and the DPW to investigate the auction sites to potentially bid up to \$30,000 on a haul truck and \$30,000 on a motor grader, with the funds coming out of the Motor Pool Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Powell, Clements, Garcia, Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT


None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dood moved with support from Powell to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m. All in favor; Motion carried.



Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk