

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL**  
**Attorney Work Session**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

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: Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Dood. Absent: Dennis Powell  
Also, present: City Manager Rachel Andreski, City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas, Interim City Attorney Hannah L. Goodman, Chief Harrington (entered meeting at 5:30 p.m.) and Officer Jason Wicklund (entered meeting at 5:40 p.m.).

Public in attendance: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**SIDING ORDINANCE**

Andreski stated that by City Ordinance she must introduce an ordinance to the Council prior to discussion, so she is presenting the ordinance for Siding. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting for Council to consider, but at this point, no action is needed.

**ATTORNEY WORK SESSION**

- BLIGHT – Goodman stated that she believes that it would be beneficial for her to be involved earlier in the blight process, and she would like to streamline the process. She believes that we will yield better results from the Judge if we can come up with a better process.

Dood explained that he is frustrated by the lack of action from the Judge and would like to know if the City had received any of the funds from the fines that have been issued. Ms. Goodman explained that currently, the city has not received any funds from blight, and she would be speaking with the County to get a better process when it comes to the funds.

Ms. Goodman continued that we need to streamline our process and perhaps show the Judge the cost of a dumpster and show that 100% of the funds from fines will be used to rectify the blight.

- CITY DEER HUNT – After much discussion it was decided that as a City, the pros and cons need to be weighed out. Ms. Goodman noted that from a legal standpoint a city-wide deer hunt would be a liability issue that she believes is not worth the reward. Ms. Goodman stated that the City will need a solid, air tight plan before moving forward with the hunt. She also suggested looking into private individuals who could obtain licenses from the MDNR, which would cut out the City from any liability.

Chief Harrington added that there haven't been many reports of deer being hit by traffic throughout the City.

- PIGEON ISSUE – Andreski stated that she has been in contact with a local who can trap and relocate the pigeon’s, and that he will provide the City with a quote for his service closer to Spring.

Garcia was tasked with getting ahold of the contact from the MDNR, who had previously helped with the falcon boxes. With direction from the MDNR, we could get the nesting boxes put out in the Spring.

- MARIJUANA – Ms. Goodman informed Council that she doesn’t believe the Judge will render a decision before she retires. Goodman stated that she will get in touch with Amy Donati, County Clerk, and discuss it with her further.
- REPURPOSE OF CITY HALL – After some discussion it was decided that the City needs to move forward with the repurpose of City Hall for apartments and make a decision regarding the move. She stated that the Council could put contingencies in the offer to Rocky Denha, (Rocky North LLC) stating a timeline on when the work to the current City Hall would need to be completed.

Andreski stated that her and Craig Richardson (WICKWIRE) have found ways to save money on the Reporter Building, which included “in kind” service and eliminating bond requirements for the Construction Companies. With the in-kind service, the DPW workers could help demolish some of the inside of the building for a fraction of the cost. Also, with the elimination of bonding requirements, it could reduce bid prices for current and future projects.

- CONDUCT AT MEETINGS – Goodman stated that she believes the public comment section is getting better with less issues. She noted that freedom of speech needs to be honored but so does the rules set forth by the Council that are published on the agenda. It was stated that Mayor Dood needs to run the meetings more consistently and not allow bad behaviors to be tolerated.

Goodman stated that she was unsure if she would be able to attend some of the future meetings due to the time change Council approved. She has prior engagements, but stated she would try to attend. Clements stated that after a few meetings, if the attendance didn’t increase then he would see no reason as to why we wouldn’t move the meetings back to 4:30 p.m. Andreski stated that if Council would like to do that, a resolution would need to be passed to change the time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**


Chief Harrington recommended that Mayor Dood appoint someone who would go to the County Board meetings. He believes that it would be good for the City to have someone representing it and also someone who can report back on what is happening on the County level.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Garcia motioned with support from Dood to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Powell.

  
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Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk