

IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
5:15 PM
Minutes

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

Roll Call –Anthony Clements, Martha Burdick, Ronjo Leonoff and Dood.
Absent: Dennis Powell.

Also, Present – City Manager Rachel Andreski, City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas, Interim City Attorney Hannah L. Goodman, Officer Tyler Robbins, Mark Polley, Karen Knopp, Ethan Amerson, Seth Miatech (WICKWIRE) Timm Ballinger, Zach Hautala (ICECA), Nicole Desentz, Jared Stauber, Kelly Butler, Erica Adams, James and Naomi Welch, Jon Zawislak, Dave Sankey, Wendy Graham (The Reporter), Tony, Georgie and Jacob Tomasoki, and Steven Saunders (DPW).

APPROVE AGENDA

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to approve the agenda with the addition of Item H – 2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant – Phase 1.

All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

APPROVE MINUTES

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to approve the February 11, 2026, Work Session Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to approve the February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes with the amendment of the “Work Session” to “Regular Meeting.” All were in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Timothy Ballinger submitted a proposal regarding public comment.

Mark Polley asked again if there is a policy regarding the officer’s leaving the City limits. He asked if the Officers are allowed to respond to calls outside of the City limits.

Mayor Dood explained that the City of Iron River’s officers are not deputized, which means they are not to respond outside of city limits unless they are requested to.

CONSENT AGENDA

Leonoff moved with support from Burdick to receive and file the Consent Agenda items which included the following:

- October 20, 2025, DDA Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 15, 2025, DDA Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 9, 2025, Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 15, 2025, Planning Commission Work Session Minutes

All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Powell.

REPORTS

IRPD Report

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to accept the IRPD Report as written. All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

DPW REPORT

Saunders explained that the DPW has been busy with snow fall and will continue to clean up from the winter storm.

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to accept the DPW Report as presented. All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

ICECA Report

- Visitor Guides – Hautala noted that 20,000 copies were printed and will be distributed through out Iron County, the UP and Northern Wisconsin.
- Newsletter – Hautala explained that they have started up the newsletter and for members to reach out if they didn't receive one.

Clements moved with support from Burdick to accept the ICECA Report as presented. All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

COUNTY OF IRON

Not in attendance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Interim City Attorney Goodman stated that she had been working on Planning Commission Bylaws and has worked on a deed for city property that sold.

Leonoff moved with support from Burdick to accept the Attorney's Report as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Powell.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Appropriation Request – Andreski stated that the city has submitted to Senator Gary Peter's office as well as Elissa Slotkin's office. She also thanked WICKWIRE for their in-kind service, helping to apply for the grant.
- Thank you – Andreski expressed appreciation to the DPW, local businesses and residents for helping each other in with the big storm. She was pleased and happy with the DPW and their hard work.

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to accept the Manager's Report as presented. All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

WINDSOR CENTER/JOINT BUILDING REPORT MINUTES

Leonoff detailed that the Windsor Center needs a new boiler, which could cost anywhere from 110,000 – 120,000.

Clements moved with support from Burdick to accept the Windsor Center/Joint Building Report as presented. All in favor: Motion Carried. Absent: Powell.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

City Financial Report – February 2026

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to accept the City Financial Report for February 2026. Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Clements Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Report – February 2026

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to accept the Accounts Payable Report for February 2026. Roll Call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Clements, Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion carried.

City Attorney Invoice – February 2026

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to accept the Attorney Invoice for February in the amount of \$1,096.03. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Clements, Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Renewal for Marihuana Establishment License – The Fire Station, LLC

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to approve the Renewal for Marihuana Establishment License – The Fire Station, LLC. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Leonoff, Clements and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Place Millage Language on August Ballot – Windsor Center

Clements moved with support from Burdick to adopt the Resolution to Place Millage Language on August Ballot – Windsor Center. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Leonoff, Clements, Burdick and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion Carried.

Proposal for Professional Engineering Services – 2026 Street Improvements Project – Construction Services – WICKWIRE, P.C.

Leonoff moved with support from Burdick to accept the Proposal for Professional Engineering Services – 2026 Street Improvements Project – Construction Services – WICKWIRE, P.C. in the amount of \$37,800.00. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements, Burdick, Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion Carried.

Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Wellhouse Watermain Replacement Project

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to accept the Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Wellhouse Watermain Replacement Project in the amount of \$4,500.00. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Leonoff, Clements and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Counteroffer to Purchase Current City Hall

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to accept the Counteroffer to Purchase Current City Hall as written. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Clements, Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion Carried.

Budget Amendments Set #2

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to accept the Budget Amendments Set #2. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Leonoff, Clements and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion Carried.

Pay Request No. 1 New City Hall -Ponchaud Contracting

Clements moved with support from Burdick to approve the Pay Request No. 1 New City Hall – Ponchaud Contracting in the amount of \$69,000.00. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Leonoff, Clements, Burdick and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion Carried.

2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant – Phase 1

Leonoff moved with support from Clements to approve the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant – Phase 1 in the amount of \$11,250.00. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Burdick, Clements, Leonoff and Dood. Nays – 0. Absent: Powell. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Polley expressed his dismay over the new City Hall. He expressed his concerns over the Iron River Police Department and its’ leadership.

James Welch expressed his concerns over the snow removal near his business.

Jon Zawislak asked the city to investigate using a brine solution on the roads. He also expressed his dislike over the sale of City Hall.

Dave Sankey pleaded to get the city plows out earlier or to have the city take down the parking ban signs.

Erika Adams explained she is not a resident of the city, as she lives in Caspian. She stated that the snow removal for Iron River is terrible this year.

Nicole Desentz expressed her disapproval of snow removal, stating Singler Street hasn’t been plowed this season. She also expressed concern over Officer Wicklund.

Timm Ballinger asked that the October meeting minutes be amended and noted that he is here to criticize. He would like to see Mayor Dood removed.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMETS


Dood explained that if he doesn’t answer a citizen’s comment, it’s because he must do research first. He thanked the DPW for their hard work. He also stated that he agrees with the plowing and the DPW needs to get out earlier. Dood stated that he has had conversations with the City Manager, and he hopes it changes soon otherwise “jobs will end.” Dood stated that he will investigate Singler Street and investigate Officer Wicklund’s actions.

Leonoff also thanked the DPW, but also extended thanks to Caspian, Gaastra and the County Road Commission.

Burdick also stated that the DPW should be out earlier and plowing when there is less traffic.

ADJOURNMENT

Dood moved with support from Clements to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Powell.



Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk