

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 14, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to excuse Commissioner Corcoran from the meeting.*

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: Commissioner Corcoran (excused).

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – February 22nd Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of November 25th & December 18th.
- b. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of November 19th & December 17th.
- c. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of January 6th.
- d. Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 4th.
- e. Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 2nd.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Mildren to approve the consent agenda with the amended City Commission meeting minutes as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the amended agenda removing items O. and P.*

E. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).

Paul Kostelnik, of 347 E. Ash Street addressed the City Commission reviewing with them a Smoking Policy Review chart that he created.

Louise Demasi, of 400 Silver Street questioned the City Commission on what the number of complaints were and how will the City enforce a no smoking policy.

Keith Johnson, of 119 E. Michigan Ave as a co-director of Festival Ironwood felt that it would be hard to enforce a no smoking policy during the festival.

LeRoy Johnson stated that the no smoking ban in 2010 dealt with confined spaces and questioned if there was even a law restricting smoking in open spaces. Further discussion of this matter took place.

F. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Three Minute Limit).

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street expressed his dismay with all the road projects.

G. PRESENTATION: Michael J. D. Brown, Community Development Director.
(RE: Comprehensive Plan Annual Report).

Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown reviewed the progress of the Comprehensive Plan implementation with the City Commission. He repeated the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement, "Nurturing the tales of our past - Building new trails for our future" as well as one of the relevant guiding principle a "Connected Collaborative Community". Mr. Brown listed what took place on the Comprehensive Plan during the month of February.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider awarding bid to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$99,167.00 for the Ironwood Carnegie Library Facade Improvement Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to award the bid to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$99,167.00 for the Ironwood Carnegie Library Facade Improvement Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #016-006 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Application for the Memorial Building Gym Renovation.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #016-006 Michigan Department of Natural Recreation Passport Grant Application for the Memorial Building Gym Renovation. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider awarding the Depot Park Playground Equipment bid to Miracle Midwest in the amount of \$37,000.00 (Option 6) and authorize the mayor and city clerk to sign applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Tauer to award the Depot Park Playground Equipment bid to Miracle Midwest in the amount of \$37,000 (Option 6) and authorize the mayor and city clerk to sign applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider No Smoking Policy in City Parks.

***Motion** was made by Semo to go with Option 2. Ban smoking in all City parks except Curry Park.*

***Motion** failed for lack of support.*

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and amended to create an ordinance to ban smoking in Norrie Park, Patterson Tennis Courts, Longyear Park, Kuitunen Park, Depot Park, Hiawatha Rotary Skate Park, Little League Field, Hiawatha Park, Lake/Ayer Street Park, Ironwood Art Park, and Downtown Pocket Park.*

ROLL CALL:

Yes (3): Commissioner Semo, Mildren, and Mayor Burchell.

No (1): Commissioner Tauer.

***Motion** carried on a 3 to 1 vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

L. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$7,197.40 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$7,197.40 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$35,494.52 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Sewer Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$35,494.52 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Sewer Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

N. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement for bids for the sale of scrap water meters.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to authorize advertisement for bids for the sale of scrap water meters.*

O. Consider Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations with the Ironwood Professional Police Association and AFSCME, Local 1538 Unions.

This item was removed from the agenda.

P. Return to Open Session.

This item was removed from the agenda.

Q. Manager's Report.

City Manager Scott B. Erickson verbally gave the manager's report noting the following items:

*The Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

*The "Friends of the Gateway Trail" will be having their spring planning meeting this coming Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Ironwood Memorial Building.

*Well #201 rehabilitation project has been completed.

*Snow Country Contracting will be starting their demolition of six (6) properties and Angelo Luppino currently has their environmental remediation sub-contractors working on the next five (5) properties under the hardest hit blight demolition grant.

*Manager Erickson reviewed with the City Commission a project list of upcoming summer projects.

R. Other Matters.

Commissioner Tauer requested the City Manager meet with Mr. Grbavcich to look into his complaints.

Commissioner Mildren expressed his excitement with the new playground equipment at Depot Park.

S. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Annette Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk