

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on February 8, 2016 at 5:30 P.M., along with a public hearing at 5:25 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:25 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

3. Public Hearing: To hear comment on the closeout and receive a final report on the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Urgent Need Infrastructure Repair Project.

Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn addressed the City Commission regarding the closeout of the CDBG Funding for the Urgent Need Infrastructure Repair Project. Mr. Linn noted that the local match was primarily made up of in-kind work provided by the City of Ironwood and the project was broken down into two (2) phases.

City Manager Erickson added that this grant made great improvements to the City of Ironwood and the project was now complete.

No other comments were received.

4. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.
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- A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – January 25th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of November 25th.

b. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of January 4th.

*3) Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution #016-004.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

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

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street addressed the City Commission regarding item O. and stated that the closing of Ayer Street to truck traffic would have a negative effect on businesses.

Bill Martell, of 420 W. Francis Street addressed the City Commission regarding several items from street signage, paving of roads, and his property rights.

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

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street questioned the plowing of the Safe Routes to School sidewalks and felt they were not being plowed.

City Manager Erickson responded noting additional efforts and equipment have been made to clear sidewalks and felt the DPW was doing an excellent job.

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

Community Development Director Michael J. D. Brown addressed the City Commission reviewing with them the Ironwood Planning Commission's Annual Report as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3819(2)). The plan provided a summary of many activities that took place and identified priority action items for next year and the fiscal impacts. Further discussion of this matter took place.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider awarding City Branding Project to Paper Moon in the amount of \$7,975.00 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to award the City Branding Project to Paper Moon in the amount of \$7,975.00 and authorize Mayor Burchell and City Clerk Gullan to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and Consider awarding Curry Park Electrical bid to Lindquist Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$37,323.00 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to award the Curry Park Electrical bid to Lindquist Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$37,323.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- J. Discuss and Consider waiving the Memorial Building rental fee for the Ironwood Theatre Big Hit Wine & Beer Fest on February 27th.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to waive the Memorial Building rental fee for the Ironwood Theatre Big Hit Wine & Beer Fest on February 27th. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider Resolution #016-003 amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to adopt Resolution #016-003 amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and Consider Resolution #016-005 Recognizing Friends of the Ironwood Carnegie Library as a nonprofit organization for a Charitable Gaming License.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to adopt Resolution #016-005 recognizing the Friends of the Ironwood Carnegie Library as a nonprofit organization for a Charitable Gaming License. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and Consider 2016 Local Street Paving (Mill/Pulverize) Overlay Project.

After a brief discussion the City Commission requested a review of the previously paved streets be done in comparison to what still needs to be done and brought back to them at the next regular meeting.

- N. Discuss and Consider approving Change Order #1 with Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$7,724.85 for a new submersible well pump.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve Change Order #1 with Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$7,724.85 for a new submersible well pump. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for the purchase/installation of truck route signs.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to authorize bids for the purchase/installation of truck route signs.*

- P. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$29,326.48 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 Corcoran to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$29,326.48 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.*

- Q. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$20,963.14 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 Corcoran to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$20,963.14 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.*

- R. Discuss and Consider approving First Amendment to subrecipient Agreement between Northern Economic Initiatives, Inc, and the City of Ironwood for the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program and authorize mayor to sign applicable documents

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between Northern Economic Initiatives, Inc. and the City of Ironwood for the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program and authorize mayor to sign applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

S. Manager's Report.

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

- *He noted the seasonal snow fall totals to date were 87 inches and thanked the Department of Public Works crews for an excellent job in plowing and removing the snow. He further mentioned that the City maintains 65 miles of roads.*
- *A new store by the name of Fastenal is now located in the plaza on Cloverland Drive.*
- *City staff continue to work on the blight grant with 5 additional demolitions bids to be received next week.*
- *Well #201 rehabilitation is well underway.*
- *Curry Park bids were received along with Depot Park playground equipment bids.*
- *A joint meeting has been scheduled with the Carnegie Library Board on February 22, 2016.*

T. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo noted that the Planning Commission approved the conditional use permit for the Scandinavian Log Home business being housed in the spec building.

Commissioner Mildren and the City Commission thanked the DPW for their efforts.

Commissioner Corcoran noted that Public Act 269/SB571 was deemed unconstitutional and state officials were instructed not to enforce it.

Mayor Burchell noted that over 400 business licenses were sent out which included nonprofits. She further thanked those many businesses for their presence and hard work in the City of Ironwood providing jobs and services to area residents.

U. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

Annette Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk