

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on January 25, 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.

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 11th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of December 2nd.

b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3rd.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

E. Receive & Place on File:

1. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures.

2. Monthly Cash Report.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the month ending December 28, 2015 and the Monthly Cash Report dated December 2015.

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for December as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

Roman Tauer, of E5640 Newport Street expressed his concerns regarding the sale of the spec building to Scandinavian Homes. He urged the City Commission to follow the zoning requirements regarding visual screens and noise.

Bob Carlson, of E5683 Newport Street felt that his property value would decrease because of the logging operations created by Scandinavian Homes.

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

There were none.

I. PRESENTATION: Certificate of Appreciation to the Ironwood Snowmobile Olympus.

Mayor Burchell presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Friends of the Fair for their outstanding community involvement in holding the ice oval racing (Snowmobile Olympus) in our area.

J. RECOGNITION: Recognize Mr. Howard DeLong's 100th Birthday.

Mayor Burchell recognized Mr. Howard DeLong for turning 100 years old.

OLD BUSINESS

K. Discuss and Consider approving the extension of the Eagle Waste & Recycling Contract from April 30, 2019 to September 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the extension of the Eagle Waste & Recycling Contract to August 31, 2019 and authorize City Manager Erickson to sign same.

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

No (1): Commissioner Tauer.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

L. Discuss and Consider approving Amendment to the U.S. 2 Enhancements Project extending the completion date to July 1, 2016 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Ironwood and authorize City Manager to sign applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried to approve the amendment to the U.S. 2 Enhancement Project extending the completion date to July 1, 2016 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Ironwood and authorize the City Manager to sign all applicable documents.

- M. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$51,923.24 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 \$51,923.24 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$107,079.19 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 Mildren to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$107,079.19 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.

- O. Discuss and Consider Resolution #016-001 Forgiving Current and Future Interest on a \$300,000 Revolving Loan Fund for the Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation (IIDC) and authorizing the City Manager to sign applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to grant Commissioner Tauer's request to abstain because of a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Resolution #016-001 Forgiving Current and Future Interest on a \$300,000 Revolving Loan Fund for the Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation (IIDC) and authorizing the City Manager to sign all applicable documents.

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.
Abstain (1): Commissioner Tauer.

Motion carried.

- P. Discuss and Consider sale of Lot 14 of the Ironwood Industrial Park to Steve Estola and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to grant Commissioner Tauer's request to abstain because of a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to sell Lot 14 in the Ironwood Industrial Park to Steve Estola and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all applicable documents.

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

Abstain (1): Commissioner Tauer.

Motion carried.

Q. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #016-002 opposing Public Act 269/SB 571.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Resolution #016-002 opposing Public Act 269/SB571.

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Semo, Tauer, Corcoran, and Mildren.

No (1): Mayor Burchell.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

R. Discuss and Consider approving pay estimate #4 to Northwoods Paving Company in the amount of \$53,937.54 for the 2015 Asphalt Paving Program.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve pay package #4 to Northwoods Paving Company in the amount of \$53,937.54 for the 2015 Asphalt Paving Program.
Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

S. Mayor's appointment to the Board of Review.

Mayor Burchell appointed Jeff Musselman to the Board of Review replacing Aaron Anderson for a three-year term (term expiring December 31, 2018).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Musselman to the Board of Review for a three-year term (term expiring December 31, 2018).

T. Manager's Report.

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

*The two new pieces of equipment the City of Ironwood recently purchased were outside on display.

*The Hardest Hit blight demolition grant project has removed 16 blighted residential structures to-date with 5 additional structures to be bid out. The total number of blighted homes removed at the end of the grant will be 27.

*Well #201 rehabilitation project is currently underway. City Manager Erickson requested Mr. Tervonen give an overview of the way the City of Ironwood tests their water in light of what the City of Flint is going through.

Utility Manager Bob Tervonen addressed the City Commission and gave an overview of the City of Ironwood's testing process and how the City complies with all DEQ water testing requirements. Further discussion of this matter took place.

*Depot Park Playground project and the Curry Park Electrical upgrade project bids will be reviewed with the MDNR Trust Fund staff prior to presenting them to the City Commission.

*A work session has been scheduled before the next regular meeting to review the audit.

*Contract negotiations will be scheduled with both the AFSCME and IPSD Unions.

U. Other Matters.

There were none.

V. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Annette Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk