

### **Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on April 11, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. along with a Zoning Board of Appeals 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 Zoning Board of Appeals to Order at 5:25 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

3. Mayor Burchell opened the Public Hearing at 5:26 P.M.

4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a variance request to allow an outdoor display/sales area at 1440-1480 E. Cloverland Dr. by Ironwood Commons Associates, LLC.

Community Development Director Michael Brown addressed the City Commission noting that the outdoor display/sales area being brought before them this evening was the former K-Mart parking lot. He also stated that the City Commission needed to approve the variance request by a vote of 4 out of 5 and staff's recommendation was to approve the variance request. Further discussion of this matter took place.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:34 p.m.

6. Consider Action on the Variance Request.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to grant the variance request to allow an outdoor display/sales area at 1440-1480 E. Cloverland Dr. by Ironwood Commons Associates, LLC. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:35 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – March 28th Meeting Minutes.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of February 25<sup>th</sup>.

b) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>.

c) Ironwood Carnegie Library meeting Minutes of Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street addressed the City Commission complaining about Coleman Engineering and the project north of the highway on Florence and Celia Street.

Bill Martel, of 420 W. Francis was given the opportunity to address the City Commission on several items but wanted to reserve his right to speak later on each item.

Don Maki, of 132 Mill Street requested the City Commission consider looking at moving the approved truck route to McLeod, felt that Public Safety was requesting a Cadillac system for security, and wanted the City to take a look at paving a 100 foot section of Bonnie Road where it was rated good.

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street addressed the City Commission again about the Celia and Florence Street project and requested answers to several questions be given by the City Manager at their next regular meeting.

G. PRESENTATION: Elaine Erickson, Carnegie Library Director.  
(RE: Update on Library Millage Request).

Carnegie Library Director Elaine Erickson addressed the City Commission stating Library representatives would be conducting community discussions about their aspirations over the next 12 months. She further noted that the Carnegie Library Board has decided not to place the millage question on the ballot until next year.

Carnegie Library Director Erickson also mentioned that one of the Carnegie Library Board members recently passed away by the name of Jackie Haig. She stated Ms. Haig was very involved with the library and will be missed.

The City Commission offered their condolences on the recent passing of Jackie Haig.

Commissioner Corcoran who also sits on the Carnegie Library Board followed up by stating she was looking forward to hearing from the citizens of Ironwood in their community discussions.

- H. PRESENTATION: Michael J.D. Brown, Community Development Director.  
(RE: Update on the Comprehensive Plan).

Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown addressed the City Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan's implementation progress for the month of March 2016. He also read 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 principles "A Great Destination". Further discussion of this matter took place.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider Resolution #016-007 recognizing the month of June as Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

***Motion** as made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to adopt Resolution #016-007 recognizing the month of June As Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider Resolution #016-008 recognizing the Aurora Athletic Club as a nonprofit organization for a Charitable Gaming License.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #016-008 recognizing the Aurora Athletic Club as a nonprofit organization for a Charitable Gaming License. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider approving ballot language to renew the one mill for continued operation, support, and maintenance of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for a period of four years from 2017-2020.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the ballot language previously approved by City Attorney Tim Dean renewing the one mill for continued operations, support, and maintenance of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for a period of four years from 2017-2020 as follows:*

"PROPOSAL TO RENEW OR CONTINUE THE PREVIOUS ONE MILL, (1.0) 2013-2016 FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION, SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PAT O'DONNELL CIVIC CENTER FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS FROM 2017-2020, INCLUSIVE:

SHALL THE LIMITATION ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST ALL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF IRONWOOD BE INCREASED ONE (1) MILL (\$1.00-1 MILL PER \$1,000 FOR STATE TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS, 2017-2020 INCLUSIVE, THE TAXES TO BE RAISED TO

BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PAT O'DONNELL CIVIC CENTER. (THIS IS THE MILLAGE RATE THAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FROM 2005 AND REPRESENTS A RENEWAL OF THE MILLAGE, RATHER THAN AN INCREASE).”

*Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and Consider authorizing Mayor to sign Rural Development Application for the Phase IV Water and Sewer Improvement Project (SF-424).

***Motion*** as made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran and carried to authorize Mayor to sign Rural Development Application for the Phase IV Water and Sewer Improvement Project (SF-424).

- M. Discuss and Consider approving Legal Service Agreement with City Attorney Tim Dean for Sewer Portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.

***Motion*** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Legal Service Agreement with City Attorney Tim Dean for the Sewer Portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.  
*Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and Consider approving Legal Service with City Attorney Tim Dean for the Water Portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Legal Service Agreement with City Attorney Tim Dean for the Water Portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.  
*Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and Consider approving Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for the Sewer Portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.  
(\*\* Complete Engineering Service Agreement available for review in Clerk's Office\*\*).

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for the Sewer Portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project. *Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and Consider approving Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for the Water portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.  
(\*\* Complete Engineering Service Agreement available for review in Clerk's Office\*\*).

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for the Water portion of the Phase IV Improvement Project.  
*Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and Consider approving the sale of a 1987 Seagrave Fire Truck and a 1981 Pierce Ladder Truck to Dan Wagner, Cross Plains, Wisconsin in the amount of \$13,500.00.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the sale of a 1987 Seagrave Fire Truck and a 1981 Pierce Ladder Truck to Dan Wagner, Cross Plains, Wisconsin in the amount of \$13,500.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- R. Discuss and Consider awarding 2016 Truck Route Signs and Installation.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to award the 2016 Truck Route Signs and Installation in the amount of \$8,845.00 to JCS, Inc. of Baraga. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- S. Discuss and Consider approving Request for Proposal (RFP) for a security system at the Ironwood Public Safety Building.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a security system at the Ironwood Public Safety Building.

- T. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for the 2016 Local Street Paving Project.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to authorize bids for the 2016 Local Street Paving Project.

- U. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for 2016 Street Crack Sealing Project.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried to authorize bids for 2016 Street Crack Sealing Project.

- V. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for 2016 Pavement Striping Project.

**Motion** was made Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to authorize bids for 2016 Pavement Striping Project.

- W. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Angelo Luppino Construction has started the Library Facade Improvement project.
- \*A community wide meeting to discuss and generate support for the snowmobile trail maintenance is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. at the Gogebic Community College, Rm B222.
- \*The Cities Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 at the Ayer Street lot next to the Ironwood Dance Company.

\*The “Friends of the Iron Belle Trail” will be doing a spring trail clean-up on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and a Mother’s Day community walk/run & roll event on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> starting at Depot Park.

\*On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 p.m. there will be a fundraising dinner held at the Maplewood Restaurant to support the Mountain Bike trail development efforts underway at Copper Peak.

\*The Go-Ride-Our-Range Ride (GRRR) is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> starting at Depot Park.

\*Phase II non-motorized trail project from Ironwood to Bessemer is moving forward.

\*MDOT “Training Wheels” bicycle design course will be held on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ironwood Memorial Building.

X. Other Matters (Three Minute Limit).

Commissioner Semo thanked Paul Anderson from Coleman Engineering, Gogebic County, and the DNR for all the non-motorized trail work. He also requested to be excused from the next two (2) meetings.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to excuse Commissioner Semo from the next two (2) City Commission meetings.*

Commissioner Mildren applauded the City of Ironwood for all the work they have done and felt the City of Ironwood is moving forward.

Commissioner Tauer requested that Paul Grbavcich’s questions be answered at the next regular meeting.

Y. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.*

Annette Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk