

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on December 10, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. along a Public Hearings at 5:20 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment for an update and close-out of the 2009-2011 Housing Resource Fund for the Component of Rental Rehabilitation in the Neighborhood Preservation Program District (NPP)(MSC2009-0072HO).

Community Development Director Michael Brown addressed the City Commission regarding the 2009-2011 Housing Resource Fund for the Component of Rental Rehabilitation in the Downtown area. He reviewed with the City Commission this grant stating that there were eight owners of rental units who participated at a cost of \$170,700. He further noted that after five (5) years the grant was 100% forgiven. No other comments were received on this matter.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.
- A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.
- B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Semo, Shackleford, Tauer, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: ~~Commissioner Semo~~ None.

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

- *1) Approval of Minutes – November 26th Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of Sept. 3rd, October 1st & Nov. 5th.
 - b) Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of November 5th.
 - c) Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of Dec. 27, 2011, Jan. 24, 2012, Feb. 28, 2012, Mar. 26, 2012, April 24, 2012, May 22, 2012, June 26, 2012, July 24, 2012 & Sept. 25, 2012.

Motion was made by Shackleford, 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 Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the amended agenda by adding item O1. Consider approval of final pay package for the City of Ironwood-Norrie Park Playground Improvements to Superior Play in the amount of \$2,140.09 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents and item BB1. Discuss and consider authorization of submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG).

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

There were none.

- F. AUDIENCE: Bill Richie, SISU.
(RE: Update on 2013 SISU Ski Fest).

Bill Richie, President of the SISU Board, addressed the City Commission giving them an update on the 2013 SISU Ski Fest coming up on January 12, 2013. Mr. Richie stated the SISU Board and all the volunteers wanted to thank the City for their continued support.

- G. AUDIENCE: Elaine Erickson, Library Director.
(RE: New services at the Carnegie Library).

Library Director Elaine Erickson addressed the City Commission regarding all the new programs being implemented at the Library. She urged others if they know of someone who is in need of Talking Books to pass the word on as it is a free service the library gives along with the magazine downloads. Further comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider use of the City Centre Building for the SISU Ski Fest and an event to be held on December 29th.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to grant the use of the City Centre Building for the SISU Ski Fest and the fundraiser for the Downtown Art Program (DAP) being held on December 29th.

- I. Consider approving SISU Ski Fest route through city owned property.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to approve the SISU Ski Fest Route through City owned property.

- J. Discuss and Consider authorizing replacement of the City Centre building boiler with a donated boiler, using Mukavitz Heating as the installation contractor, with the cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to authorize replacement of the City Centre building boiler with a donated boiler, using Mukavitz Heating as the installation contractor, with the cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Consider approving City Employee gratuity for the Holiday Season.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackleford to approve the City Employee gratuity for the Holiday Season in the amount of \$50 each. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and Consider approval of Letter of Agreement Concerning Personal Leave Between the City of Ironwood and the Ironwood Professional Police Association, POAM.

Motion was made by Shackleford, seconded by Semo to approve the Letter of Agreement concerning personal leave between the City of Ironwood and the Ironwood Professional Police Association (POAM) and authorize City Manager Erickson to execute same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Consider approval of Pay Package No. 4 for the Local Street Project to Northwood Paving in the amount of \$9,163.00.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackleford to approve Pay Package No. 4 for the Local Street Project to Northwood Paving in the amount of \$9,163.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Consider approval of Change Order No. 1 for Water and Sewer Service, in the Jessievile and Norrie Area Project.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$51,114.35 for the replacement of Water and Sewer Service lines in the Jessievile and Norrie Area Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Consider approval of Final Payment to Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$18,482.00 for the local Water & Sewer Service, in the Jessievile and Norrie Area.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve final payment to Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$18,482.00 for the local Water & Sewer Service, in the Jessievile and Norrie Area. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O1. Consider approval of final pay package for the City of Ironwood-Norrie Park Playground Improvements to Superior Play in the amount of \$2,140.09 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the final pay package for the City of Ironwood-Norrie Park Playground Improvements to Superior Play in the amount of \$2,140.09 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-101, a Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Program – New General Division (Post 7/1/2012).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #012-101, A Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Program – New General Division (Post 7/1/2012). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-102, a Resolution for Defining a Day of Work or Hours per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes – New General Division (Post 7/1/2012).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to approve Resolution #012-102, a Resolution for Defining a Day of Work or Hours per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes – New General Division (Post 7/1/2012). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- R. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-103, a Resolution to Exclude Temporary Employees From Membership in MERS – New General Division (Post 7/1/2012).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #012-103, a Resolution to Exclude Temporary Employees From Membership in MERS – New General Division (Post 7/1/2012). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- S. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-104, a Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Program – New Police and Fire Division (Post 5/1/2012).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to approve Resolution #012-104, a Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Program – New Police and Fire Division (Post 5/1/2012). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- T. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-105, a Resolution for Defining a Day of Work or Hours per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes – New Police and Fire Division (Post 5/1/2012).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #012-105, a Resolution for Defining a Day of Work or Hours per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes – New Police and Fire Division (Post 5/1/2012). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- U. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-106, a Resolution to Exclude Temporary Employees from Membership in MERS – New Police and Fire Division (Post 5/1/2012).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to approve Resolution #012-106, a Resolution to Exclude Temporary Employees from Membership in MERS – New Police and Fire Division (Post 5/1/2012). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- V. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-107, a Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits – Police and Fire, Division 20.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #012-107, a Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits – Police and Fire, Division 20. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- W. Discuss and Consider request from the Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation (IIDC) to renew a \$9,000.00 debenture for an additional period of three (3) years at 2.50% interest.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to grant the request from the Ironwood Industrial Development Corporation (IIDC) to renew a \$9,000.00 debenture for an additional period of three (3) years at 2.50% interest. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- X. Discuss and Consider update to the Park & Recreation Bylaws.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo and carried to update the Park & Recreation Bylaws by changing B1. the word is to “was” and adding “To the extent that resolution conflicts with these bylaws, these bylaws shall control”.

- Y. Discuss and Consider recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Committee to erect a plaque at Patterson Tennis Courts to recognize donors for this project.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to table this until City Staff can obtain additional information and bring it back to the City Commission.

- Z. Discuss and Consider request by the Parks & Recreation Committee to create a City wide sidewalk snow shoveling ordinance.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to table this matter until a cost analysis can be obtained from City Staff.

- AA. Discuss and Consider recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Committee to send a letter of support to the Governor’s Office for the State wide bike trail starting in Ironwood, Michigan and connecting to Detroit.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to send a letter of support as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee with additional information outlining what has been completed on the trail to the Governor’s Office for the State wide bike trail starting in Ironwood, Michigan and connecting to Detroit.

- BB. Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:20 P.M. to hear comment on Ordinance No. 496, Book 4 an Ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco in City Parks.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:20 P.M. to hear comment on Ordinance No. 496, Book 4 an Ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco in City Parks.

- BB1. Discuss and consider authorization of submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to authorize submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG) highlighting Art Park, Thermoplastic Crosswalks, and Banners.

ROLL CALL:

- YES (3): Commissioner Semo, Shackelford, and Mayor Corcoran.
NO (2): Commissioner Cayer and Tauer.

Motion carried on a 3 to 2 vote.

- CC. Manager’s Report.

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

- *The Pro Vintage Snowmobile Race at the Gogebic County Fair Grounds is scheduled for January 4-6, 2013.
- *The SISU Cross Country Ski Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th.
- *A joint meeting between the City Commission and Planning Commission is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m.
- *City staff will be meeting with Xcel Energy representatives to discuss burying the overhead power lines along US2 during the US2 reconstruction in 2014/15.
- *The 2012 Comprehensive Deer Management Program has taken 44 does and 3 bucks to date.
- *The Western Gateway Trail funding application with the MDNR Trust fund has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$225,000.00.
- *The DIDA and the Ironwood Historical Society have partnered together to fund a piece of public art for the Depot Park. The woodcarver, Potlicker Custom Chainsaw Carvings started the chainsaw carving in Lahti's parking lot this past weekend during the Jack Frost Festival and will be completing the carving at the Depot.

City Manager Erickson also explained to the City Commission the Ash Street sidewalks were eliminated due to them being deteriorated beyond repair. Further discussion of this matter took place.

DD. Other Matters.

Commissioner Tauer expressed his concerns with the City of Ironwood not plowing US2 during a recent storm.

Department of public works Supervisor Richards stated he did not receive any complaints and felt that the City of Ironwood did an excellent job clearing US2.

Mayor Corcoran thanked all the volunteers for the Jack Frost success and questioned if the City of Ironwood was current with the EVIP deadline. She also commented on the debris and trailer located next to the Memorial Building and asked when it would be removed.

EE. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Five Minute Limit).

Bill Erickson, one of the five (5) Directors from the Gogebic Conservation District addressed the City Commission regarding a grant through the Fish and Wildlife Division to eliminate the beaver dams from creeks leading into the Black River. Mr. Erickson asked for the City's support.

Commissioner Shackleford volunteered to review the plan. Further discussion of this matter took place.

FF. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk