

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on January 23, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. along with public hearings at 5:10 P.M. and 5:20 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to an Application for Exemption of New Personal Property issued under P.A. 328 of 1998 filed by Ottawa Forest Products, Inc. for 1243 Wall Street, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 & East 1/2 of Lot 11 of the Industrial Park.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission introducing Attorney Dave McDonald, from Jacobs, McDonald, Silc he further noted this application is fairly common in the industrial park and most of the businesses have had something similar to this exemption.

Attorney Dave McDonald stated the owner Chuck Baxter of Ottawa Forest Products, Inc. is the moving force in bringing this business back after the tragedy of the fire this past summer. Mr. McDonald stated this is an application for exemption of personal property tax for a period of 15 years.

Commissioner Semo asked what the actual dollar amount would be. City Assessor/Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt stated it would be approximately \$9,000.

Attorney Dave McDonald further stated Act 328 was created not only for just investment but reinvestment by existing businesses to allow them to strengthen existing jobs along with creating additional jobs. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:16 P.M.

5:20 P.M.

1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on the USDA Rural Development Grant Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of a Public Safety Patrol Car in the amount of \$9,000.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission stating the City of Ironwood has received approval subject to the public hearing. The Public Safety Patrol Car would not be purchased this year, but maybe next year.

Public Safety Director DiGiorgio added that this grant is good for a period of two (2) years. It was also stated that the approximate price of a squad car is \$25,500 and the Public Safety Department budgets for a new squad car.

3. Mayor Corcoran Closed the Public Hearing at 5:21 P.M.

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- 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: None.

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – January 9th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File.

- a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of December 29th.
- b) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of October 26th, November 30th & December 21st.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to approve the Consent Agenda as presented noting that Commission Shackleford was present at the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting on December 29th. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- D. Receive and Place on File from the Finance Director.
1. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures.
 2. Monthly Cash Reports.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the month ending December 31, 2011 and to approve the Monthly Cash Reports dated December 2011. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- E. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Shackleford and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

- F. 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 P. Adoption of City Commission Goals urging the City Commission to consider the mine shaft safety. Anne Lawrence also addressed the City Commission regarding item O. requesting to rent upper office space at City Centre for \$100 in exchange for some management responsibilities.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. Consider approving Application for Exemption of New Personal Property issued under P.A. 328 of 1998 filed by Ottawa Forest Products, Inc. for 1243 Wall Street, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 & East 1/2 of Lot 11 of the Industrial Park. (Resolution #012-075)

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to approve the Application for Exemption of New Personal Property issued under P.A. 328 of 1998 filed by Ottawa Forest Products, Inc. for 1243 Wall Street, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 & East 1/2 of Lot 11 of the Industrial Park (Resolution #012-075). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- H. Consider approving USDA Rural Development Grant Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of a Public Safety Patrol Car in the amount of \$9,000.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the USDA Rural Development Grant Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of a Public Safety Patrol Car in the amount of \$9,000. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Update on the 2011 Comprehensive Deer Management Program.

City Clerk Karen Gullan gave an update of the 2011 Comprehensive Deer Management Program. She stated this was the City of Ironwood's 6th year and thanked DNR Officer Grant Emery, Ironwood Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio, Ironwood Public Safety Department, Department of Public Works Department, testers Bob Miklesh, Ron Nygard, and data collector Justin Lehto for helping with the Comprehensive Deer Management Program. She noted there were 41 deer harvested. Further comments were received.

- J. Discuss and Consider approval of Change Order #2 of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation CDBG Downtown Enhancement Project Phase II to Angelo Luppino, Inc.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Change Order #2 of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation CDBG Downtown Enhancement Project Phase II to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500 for additional work in the pocket park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and Consider approval of Michigan Economic Development Corporation partial pay request for the CDBG Downtown Enhancement Project Phase II to Angelo Luppino, Inc and Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Michigan Economic Development Corporation partial pay request for the CDBG Downtown Enhancement Project Phase II to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$6,472.28 and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Consider approval of engineering proposal for design services in the amount of \$29,000 from Coleman Engineering Company for the MDOT Downtown streetscape project.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the engineering proposal for design services from Coleman Engineering Company for the MDOT Downtown streetscape project in an amount not to exceed \$29,000. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid 2012 pavement striping contract.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to authorize advertisement to bid 2012 pavement striping contract.

- N. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement for bids on a 3-year contract for Park and Cemetery Lawn Mowing.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to authorize advertisement for bids on a 3-year contract for Park and Cemetery Lawn Mowing and to include an internal analysis of doing the work in house.

- O. Discuss and Consider request from Anne Lawrence to rent upper office space at City Centre.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a rental agreement with Anne Lawrence to rent upper office space at the City Centre and work out the details with the Ironwood City Attorney Michael Pope.

- P. Discuss and Consider adoption of City Commission Goals.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adopt the City Commission Goals as amended adding one vote to Civic Center Millage, item #4 change Plan to Play, and item #4 d. change boarder to border.

- Q. Discuss and Consider work session to establish objectives and time lines for City Commission goals.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo and carried to schedule a work session to establish objectives and time lines for the City Commission goals on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. and agreed to include mineshaft safety in the discussions.

- R. Discuss and Consider setting a workshop with the Carnegie Library Board to discuss a District Library.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to schedule a work session on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. with the Carnegie Library Board to discuss a District Library.

S. Manager's Report.

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

- *Community Development Director interviews took place and discussion are occurring with one of the candidates.
- *Coleman Engineering is preparing the plans for submittal of the MDOT Downtown Enhancement Project by February 3, 2012.
- *Design work on the West Aurora Street Water and Sewer project initial survey and soil borings have been conducted.
- *A grant in the amount of \$3,600 from Efficiency United Energy through Xcel was secured for control valves for the heating radiators.
- *Substantial clean up of the properties located at 213 Bonnie Street and 424 W. Norrie Street had taken place.
- *The wrap up meeting for the Deer Management Hunt will take place on Wednesday, January 25th at 4:30 p.m.

T. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Semo questioned staff regarding depot timeline and gave a report on the City website.

Commissioner Shackleford made a statement regarding the State of Michigan's guidelines. She felt it was poor legislation to tie the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) to local revenue sharing. She noted that Representative Huuki and Casperson both voted for this legislation and urged her fellow citizens through letters and phone calls to express their dismay with this legislation.

Commissioner Tauer also felt that the State of Michigan is taking away bargaining rights of employees. He also requested a quarterly report from the Blight Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Corcoran questioned City Staff regarding the no parking signs for the new City of Ironwood Parking lots.

U. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Five

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street and Joseph F. Cayer, of 100 E. Ash Street had questions for the City Commission regarding the proposed website.

- V. Consider Closed Session to discuss Ironwood Public Safety Department litigation and upcoming contract negotiations with the Ironwood/Wisconsin Professional Police Association Unions.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford to enter into closed session at 6:49 P.M. to discuss Ironwood Public Safety Department's litigation and upcoming contract negotiations with the Ironwood/Wisconsin Professional Police Association Unions. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

W. Return to Open Session.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to return to open session at 8:10 P.M.

- X. Discuss and Consider appointing two (2) City Commissioners to be part of the Ironwood/Wisconsin Police Association Negotiations.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Tauer and carried to appoint Commissioner Semo and Commissioner Shackleford to be a part of the Ironwood/Wisconsin Police Association Negotiations.

- Y. Discuss and Consider action on Act 152 (Senate Bill 7).
- Z. Discuss and Consider action on Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Part III.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford and carried to postpone items Y. and Z. until the Special City Commission meeting to be scheduled on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 4:30 P.M.

AA. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackleford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk