

Proceeding of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 12, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan

A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – February 27th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes of January 5th & February 6th.
- b) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of Nov. 10th, Dec. 22nd, & Jan. 26th.

Motion was made by Shackelford, 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 Shackelford 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 asked the City Commission if the Carnegie Library Millage was a yearly millage.

F. AUDIENCE: Andrew DiGiorgio, Director of Public Safety.
(Update on Public Safety Department Activities).

Director of Public Safety Andrew DiGiorgio reviewed with the City Commission his monthly/quarterly report, which included a report on staffing levels, and added this information would be on his web page soon.

OLD BUSINESS

G. Discuss and Consider approval of District Library Agreement and related Resolution #012-079 and Resolution #012-080.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve Resolution #012-079 Approval of the District Library Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

No (1): Commissioner Cayer

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve Resolution #012-080 Approving Agreements attached to District Library Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

*Yes (4): Commissioner Semo, Shackelford, Tauer, and Mayor Corcoran.
No (1): Commissioner Cayer*

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

- H. Discuss and Consider purchase of real property at the Depot Park area from Wisconsin Central and authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign purchase agreement.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to authorize the purchase of real property in the Depot Park Area from Wisconsin Central in the amount of \$20,000.00 and authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign purchase agreement. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider sending letter of support to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDEQ) for permitting of the Orvana Mineral Copperwood Mine.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to send a letter of support to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDEQ) for permitting of the Orvana Mineral Copperwood Mine.

- J. Discuss and Consider appointing a non-voting Ex-Officio to the Park and Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to appoint Commissioner Shackelford as a non-voting Ex-Officio Member of the Park and Recreation Committee.

- K. Discuss and Consider renewing Code Enforcement Contract with the City of Wakefield and establishing a new rate agreement for 2012.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to renew the Code Enforcement Contract with the City of Wakefield establishing a rate of \$28/hr. for 2012.

- L. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for City Surplus Equipment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to award the bids for the Tailgate Blacktop Patcher in the amount of \$317.00, 1957 Ford Truck-Distributor in the amount of \$1,027.00, and the Drott Excavator in the amount of \$2,257.00 to Hilborn-Western U.P. Recycling; the 1967 Oshkosh Plow in the amount of \$2,150.00 and the AMZ Pothole Patcher in the amount of \$1,250.00 to Tony Trolia. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider waiving Memorial Building Rental Fees for the Ironwood Volunteer Fire Department Tournament and Firefighters Ball.

Volunteer Fire Chief Ken Jacobson was present and requested a waiver from the City Commission of the rental fees of the Ironwood Memorial Building for the Ironwood Volunteer Fire Department Tournament and Firefighters Ball. Mr. Jacobson informed the City Commission the Volunteer Fire Department would help with the set up, tear down, and clean up of the Memorial Building. Further comments were received.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to waive the Memorial Building Rental Fee for the Ironwood Volunteer Fire Department Tournament and Firefighters Ball. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Manager's Report.

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

- *Pothole season is officially here. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is gearing up for a very early attack on the potholes.
- *MDOT has initiated their review of the three Downtown traffic signals.
- *The Hemlock Street Phase I (Norrie Street to Arch Street) project has been bid out by the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- *Local banks have been sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding the selling of the bonds for this summer's local street paving program.
- *An interview will be conducted on Wednesday, March 14th with another City Community Development candidate.
- *The recent 16" water main break was fixed going out to the well field.

O. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Tauer questioned the condition of Southwest Street and stated it was not drivable.

Commissioner Cayer thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts.

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

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street suggested to the City Commission they contact MDOT to see if they could put a 4-way at the corner of Lowell and Aurora Street.

Bernie Finco questioned if a fire hydrant during the fire on Cherry Street was working. Public Safety Director DiGiorgio informed him the valve was frozen.

Q. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk