

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on April 9, 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 – March 26th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of Aug. 23, Sept. 27th, Oct. 25th, Nov. 22nd, Dec. 27th, and Special Meeting of Nov. 1st.

b) Park & Recreation Meeting Minutes of March 5th.

*3) Approve Sale of:

a) American Legion Auxiliary – Poppy Days, May 17th & 18th.

b) American Legion – Flag Day, June 15th & 16th.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford 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 Cayer and carried to amend the agenda moving items L. and M. to H1. and H2.

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

David Sims, Amanda Niemi, and Shelly Trier all addressed the City Commission showing their support of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center and its manager Brian Roehm. They urged the City Commission to place the renewal millage on the August 7th Primary Ballot to allow the City of Ironwood residents to decide.

The City Commission all agreed that a District wide millage be pursued in the future. Jim Collins, a Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Member stated that they would be addressing the City of Bessemer and Wakefield requesting a proposed millage for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center. Further discussion of this matter took place.

F. AUDIENCE: Rod Smith, Norrie Club Representative
(Update on Norrie Club tree clearing area).

Rod Smith from the Norrie Club addressed the City Commission giving an update of the recent work that took place by the Norrie Club where they cleared two sections of land. He further noted that C Shaft was located just 100 yards from the Norrie Club and asked to be allowed to collect and preserve artifacts that may be dug up during construction of the new water and sewer main where the old engine house was located at no cost to the City of Ironwood.

Commissioner Semo suggested Mr. Smith contact the Park and Recreation Committee and the Friend's of the Miner's Memorial Heritage Park for help. It was also mentioned that a clean up day has been scheduled for that area and others on May 5th. Further comments were received.

G. AUDIENCE: Jason Alonen, Blight Officer.
(Update on Blight Activities).

Code Enforcement Officer addressed the City Commission regarding the Code Enforcement process. Mr. Alonen in the future will provide copies to the City Commission of the notices being sent out. He further stated after meeting with Commissioner Tauer several changes to the current code and revised language for repeat offenders. Further discussion of this matter took place.

NEW BUSINESS

H1. Discuss and Consider placing the renewal millage for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center on the ballot for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve placing the renewal millage for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center on the ballot for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election.

ROLL CALL:

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

No (1): Commissioner Tauer.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

H2. 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 2013-2016.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to approve the proposed 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 2013-2016 as follow with City Attorney review of the proposed language:

“PROPOSAL TO RENEW OR CONTINUE THE PREVIOUS ONE MILL, (1.0) 2009-2012 FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION, SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PAT O'DONNELL CIVIC CENTER FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS FROM 2013-2016, 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, 2013-2016 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.

H. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for 3 year Park Mowing Contract.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to award the lowest bid to Saari Lawn Care for a three (3) year Park Mowing Contract in the amount of \$13,650.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

I. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for 3 year Cemetery Mowing Contract.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to award the lowest bid to Saari Lawn Care for a three (3) year Cemetery Mowing Contract in the amount of \$62,250.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider approving bid for the 2012 Pavement Marking Contract.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to award the lowest bid for the 2012 Pavement Marking Contract to P.K. Contracting in the amount of \$7,680.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider dedicating easement rights to Xcel Energy for City property located west of Norrie Park Drive for a new electrical transmission line.

Xcel Energy Land Rights Agent Phil Lysdahl addressed the City Commission regarding the easement. Mr. Lysdahl explained that back in December a conditional use permit was obtained from the City of Ironwood. He noted the City Manager had previously negotiated compensation for this easement to be \$8,135. He further noted a correction was made to the acreage to be 6.44 acres. Mr. Lysdahl also stated they will not interfere with the SISU Ski Event. Further discussion of this matter took place.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to dedicate easement rights to Xcel Energy for City property located west of Norrie Park Drive in the amount of \$8,135 for a new electrical transmission line and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and Consider placing the renewal millage for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center on the ballot for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election.

This item was changed to item H1.

M. 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 2013-2016.

This item was changed to item H2.

N. Discuss and Consider Resolution #012-086 approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Other Matters Relating to the Issuance of Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority Wastewater Treatment System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012.

Mark Bowman, Manager of the Gogebic-Iron Waste Water Authority addressed the City Commission stating that they have an opportunity to refinance 2001 Series Bonds. He stated they are favorable in the amount of \$265,000 with no additional years to help offset future costs and possible give some money back. Mr. Bowman felt between the three bonds there would be a savings of approximately \$265,000.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to adopt Resolution #012-086 approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Other Matters Relating to the Issuance of Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority Wastewater Treatment System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2012. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Manager's Report.

City Clerk Karen M. Gullan verbally gave the manager's report noting the following items:

- *An informational meeting will be held for the Ironwood Jesseville, Pabst, Aurora, and Norrie Utility Projects on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Women's Club Room (2nd Floor), Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette Street.
- *This week temporary water is being connected in the Norrie & Jessieville areas.
- *Sewer work on Tamarack started today.
- *Test drilling started in the Norrie Location today.

*MDOT contacted the City to indicate that they will continue their signal test downtown with the intersection of Aurora/Lowell Street to put into a 4-way red flash (4-way stop) this week. They will review this new configuration as part of their signal study.

P. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

There were none.

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

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street addressed the City Commission expressing his dismay with the Blight Enforcement.

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street expressed his dismay with the exterior of the Memorial Building.

R. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.*

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk