

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on May 14, 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 – April 27th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of January 18th and March 21st.

*3) Approve rescheduling next Commission Meeting to Tuesday, May 29th due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Motion was made by Tauer, 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 Shackelford, seconded by Semo and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Sam Davey, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee addressed the City Commission regarding item G the corrections pursuant to their by-laws. He also requested the City Commission under item K. send this item back to the Park and Recreation Committee for their review and recommendation.

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street expressed his dismay with placing a parcel of land in item K. on the surplus property list with concrete materials on it. Further comments were received.

Tim Newman, of 38 South Range Road addressed the City Commission regarding item J. and the purchase of the property located off of Granite Street located between his property and James Duray's property.

F. AUDIENCE: Gogebic Conservation District Representative.
(RE: Request to place a sign in Norrie Park describing the Glossy Buckthorn Plant Control Project).

Ron Zielinski, on behalf of the Gogebic Conservation District addressed the City Commission regarding the removal of the Glossy Buckthorn Plant in Norrie Park. He described the sign to the City Commission and requested their support to erect the sign near the Montreal River in Norrie Park where a majority of the Glossy Buckthorn Plant was removed. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to support the placing of the Glossy Buckthorn Plant Control Project sign in Norrie Park near the Montreal River.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. Discuss and Consider correction to the Park and Recreation Committee's previously appointed members correcting their terms and expiration pursuant to By-Laws previously adopted by the City Commission on April 26, 2010.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the correction to the Park and Recreation Committee's previously appointed members correcting their terms to three years and their expirations to July 1st pursuant to their By-Laws previously adopted by the City Commission on April 26, 2010. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for Local Street Paving.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to authorize advertisement to bid for Local Street Paving.

- I. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for Norrie Park Playground Equipment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to authorize advertisement for bid for Norrie Park Playground Equipment.

- J. Discuss and Consider Planning Commission recommendation to place City owned parcel (located off of Granite Street) to be placed on Surplus Property List (Parcel # 2752-23-401-010).

A brief discussion of this matter took place and the City Commission all agreed to refer this matter to the Park and Recreation Committee.

No action was taken at this time.

- K. Discuss and Consider Planning Commission recommendation to place 60-acre City owned parcel (located on the SE corner of South Davis Road and Old County Road) to be placed on the Surplus Property List (Parcel # 2752-24-303-030).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to not place the property located on the SE corner of South Davis Road and Old Country Road (Parcel #2752-24-303-030) on the Surplus Property List. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$126,754.77 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$126,754.77 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$1,652.50 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$1,652.50 for the City of Ironwood – Phase I Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$112,467.85 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$112,467.85 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and consider loan proposal from USDA Rural Development for the Phase III Water and Sewer Project (US2 and neighborhood north of US2 and West of K-Mart Plaza).

Jeff Sjoquist from Coleman Engineering gave a brief explanation of the correspondence received from Duane L. Reid Area Specialist regarding Project #3 Sewer and Water along US2 and the neighborhood north of US2 and West of the K-Mart Plaza. Mr. Sjoquist suggested the City Commission workshop this item.

The City Commission agreed to schedule this item at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17th prior to their Budget Work Session .

- P. Manager's Report.

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

- *Several volunteers assisted with City's clean up efforts during "Make a Difference Day", "Spring Clean Up Day", and clearing of the sight line for Hiawatha by the Friends of the Miner's Memorial Heritage Park group. The volunteer efforts in our community are second to none.
- *The "City Wide Rummage Sale" is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd.
- *Gogebic Range Trail Mix is scheduled Thursday, May 17th.
- *Go Ride R Range Ride (GRRRR) bicycle ride is scheduled for this Sunday.
- *Blight clean up at 213 Bonnie Street has been completed.
- *Hemlock Street Phase I (Norrie Street to Arch Street) project started last week.
- *Wagner Construction is continuing the construction of the new water and sewer lines in the Norrie and Jessieville neighborhoods.
- *City contractor, Infratech is in town and is working on relining 23 sanitary and/or storm manholes.
- *A project walk through for the new 16-inch water transmission line will be scheduled for Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- *West Aurora Street Water and Sewer Project is out for bids and will be opened on May 22nd.
- *DPW is performing some interim cuttings at locations the grass requires mowing and the cemetery will be cut prior to Memorial Day.
- *Interviews for the Community Development Director position have been completed and a candidate has verbally accepted the position.
- *The local street overlay project will be designed by City Staff and put out for bids for July/August construction.
- *A second budget work session with the City Commission is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17th.

- Q. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Mayor Corcoran expressed her gratitude to Kernel Menke, the ROTC, the Finco brothers, and City Staff who helped with the cleanup this past weekend. She further thanked Commissioner Shackelford and other volunteers for the "Make a Difference Day" clean up efforts. The City Commission all agreed and thanked those who participated.

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

Louise Demasi, of 400 Silver Street, addressed the City Commission expressing her dismay with the comments made about George Goerig.

Mayor Corcoran stated she did apologize to Mr. Goerig for her comments in not appointing George Goerig to the Planning Commission.

Steve Frank and James Albert refused to go to the podium and expressed their dismay with not being given the opportunity to speak during a public meeting along with several other items. Further comments were received.

Jeff and Kathy Anderson, of E4994 Sunset Road expressed their dismay with the seeding of their yard during the 16-inch water transmission line project and requested sod be delivered to remedy the matter. Coleman Engineer Mike Foley cautioned the City Commission regarding this matter stating if they do it for one they should be prepared to do it for others.

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street offered to do some maintenance under a swing near the baseball field. The City Staff agreed to follow up with this matter.

S. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk