

### **Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on July 10, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. along with the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M. and 5:25 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

1. Mayor Burchell called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:20 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

3. Mayor Burchell opened the Public Hearing at 5:21 P.M.

4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) application for Jacquart Fabric Products through Northern Initiatives as reviewed and approved by the Regional Fund Approval Committee.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman introduced to the City Commission Dale Cook from Northern Initiatives, our areas Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) representative. Mr. Cook addressed the City Commission stating the Public Hearing before them this evening was required for Jacquart Fabric Products to acquire a Revolving Loan Fund working capital loan to hire two (2) low to moderate income persons. No public comments were received.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:24 P.M.

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1. Mayor Burchell called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:25 P.M.

2. Mayor Burchell opened the Public Hearing at 5:26 P.M.

3. Public Hearing: To hear comments and receive a final report on the completion of the Burton Industries Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Northern Initiatives Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant program.

Mr. Dale Cook, a Northern Initiative Representative, addressed the City Commission regarding the need to provide a final report on the Burton Industries Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Northern Initiatives Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant program. Mr. Cook noted that the grant provided funding to assist in providing working capital to hire five (5) people, three (3) out of which are considered low to moderate income. No public comments were received.

4. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:29 P.M.

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A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 26<sup>th</sup>.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>.

b. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Tauer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

There were none.

F. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Three Minute Limit)

Gene Henning, of 342 S. Marquette Street addressed the City Commission to complain about the people that are living in a home located at 150 E. Southland Ave., with no water, sewer, or power. He further stated he believed it was a drug house and urged the Ironwood City Commission to do something about it. Mr. Henning stated there are vehicles in the front yard with no insurance or plates. The City Commission thanked him for coming forward and they hoped to find out what they could do to help him with the situation. Further discussion of this matter took place.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

G. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #017-019 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) application for Jacquart Fabric Products through Northern Initiatives as reviewed and approved by the Regional Fund Approval Committee.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt a Resolution #017-019 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) application for Jacquart Fabric Products through Northern Initiatives. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider waiving all Vendor Fees for the 2017 Ironwood Festival.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to waive all Vendor Fees for the 2017 Ironwood Festival. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and Consider granting a request for a “Special Event Water Rate” for the 2017 Gogebic County Fair to be held August 24-27, 2017.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to grant a request for a “Special Event Water Rate” for the 2017 Gogebic County Fair to be held on August 24-27, 2017. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider Resolution #017-020, a Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Plan – New General Division (Post 7/1/2017).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Resolution #017-020, a Resolution for Adopting MERS of Michigan Defined Benefit Plan – New General Division (Post 7/1/2017) with the noted changes. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Mayor’s Appointment.

Mayor Burchell reappointed Bruce Vuorenmaa to a three (3) year term on the Park and Recreation Committee (term expiring July 1, 2020).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the Mayor’s reappointment of Bruce Vuorenmaa to the Park and Recreation Committee for a three (3) year term (term expiring July 1, 2020).*

L. Manager’s Report.

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

- \*The “First Friday” event in the Downtown was very well received this past Friday.*
- \*The Farmers Market is well underway and occurs each Friday (4:00 PM-6:30 PM) in the Depot Park.*
- \*Festival Ironwood will soon be here – plan to attend the numerous community events July 19-22, 2017.*
- \*A loan closing with USDA Rural Development for the Phase 4 water and sewer project is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017.*
- \*The eight blighted residential properties that were previously approved for demolition by the City Commission have been razed.*
- \*Ruotsala Construction has completed the sanitary sewer manhole repair work previously authorized by the City Commission.*
- \*The Ironwood Carnegie Library façade improvement project has been completed.*
- \*The City-wide water system leak detection testing will begin next Monday, July 17, 2017.*

M. Other Matters.

The City Commission and Mayor thanked the organizers of the “First Friday” success along with the whole community for their support.

Commissioner Mildren noted that because of all the improvements in Ironwood over the past several years it contributed to the “First Friday” event in the downtown area. Further comments were received.

N. Consider Closed Session to discuss City Manager’s Review.

***Motion*** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to enter closed session at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the City Manager’s Review. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Return to Open Session.

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to return to open session at 6:42 P.M.

P. Consider action on City Manager’s Contract.

The City Commission was very pleased with the City Manager’s review.

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to extend the existing five (5) year City Manager Contract for an additional year through December 31, 2022 with an additional 1.5% base salary increase to be applied to his Health Care Saving Program (HCSP) at the City Manager’s request. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Q. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk