

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on July 24, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

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 of July 10th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of June 13th.
- b. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Meeting Minutes June 6th.
- c. Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5th.

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

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.
2. Cash Summary Report.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to receive and place on file the Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending June 30, 2017 and the Cash Summary Report dated June 2017. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for May 2017. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

Bill Martel, of 420 W. Francis Street addressed the City Commission requesting that they plant grass at the baseball field behind his house with the extra money in the parks budget. Additional comments regarding the financials were received.

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

Bill Martel, of 420 W. Francis Street addressed the City Commission stating Festival Ironwood should be non-political, and the citizens should be able to hear the interviews of the new Public Safety Director. He further questioned why the City did not cut the grass behind his home. Additional comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider request from the Western UP Trail Association (WUPTA) for permission to utilize/maintain Trail #2 through Ironwood as an ORV Club Trail and enter into a Land Use Agreement.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Land Use Agreement between the City of Ironwood and the Western UP Trail Association (WUPTA) pending revisions by the City Attorney. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and Consider approving final payment to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$2,624.79 for the Ironwood Carnegie Library Façade Improvement Project.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the final payment to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$2,624.79 for the Ironwood Carnegie Library Façade Improvement Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and Consider approving Payment #9 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2016/2017 Local Street Paving Project in the amount of \$38,561.68.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve payment #9 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2016/2017 Local Street Paving Project in the amount of \$38,561.68. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and Consider authorizing construction of the Dog Park in the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize construction of the Dog Park in the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$17,898.00 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$17,898.00 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$19,745.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project Sewer Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$19,745.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project Sewer Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and Consider approving contract with Binz Bros. Well Drilling for repairs to Well #204.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the contract with Binz Bros. Well Drilling for repairs to Well #204. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #017-024 approving proposed Ballot Language for four (4) Charter Amendments for the November 7, 2017 Election.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #017-024 approving proposed Ballot Language for four (4) Charter Amendments for the November 7, 2017 Election. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and Consider approving final payment to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$46,959.00 for sanitary sewer/manhole repairs on Business Route 2.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the final payment to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$46,959.00 for sanitary sewer/manhole repairs on Business Route 2. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- R. Manager's Appointments.

City Manager Scott Erickson reappointed Adrienne Chase to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a five (5) year term (term expiring June 30, 2022).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the City Manager's reappointment of Adrienne Chase to the Ironwood Housing Commission (term expiring June 30, 2022).*

S. Manager's Report.

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

- *Manager Erickson thanked all the organizers and volunteers who made this year's Festival Ironwood another great success.
- *The second "First Friday" event in the Downtown will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017.
- *Upcoming events in the area include the Mercer Loon Days (August 2), Iron County Fair (August 3-6), Paavo Marathon (August 12), Gogebic County Fair (August 24-27), Festival Italiano in Hurley (September 2), Copper Peak Trails Festival (September 9), and Bridges & Bluffs Half Marathon (September 23).
- *Master Gardner's group is working with the City to help maintain the health of the Downtown trees that were planted a few years ago.
- *The City-wide water system leak detection testing was completed last week.
- *The Phase 4 water and sewer project is well underway.
- *Bids were opened last week for additional blighted residential property demo.
- *The Little League group will be starting on the construction of the new concession stand.
- *City Staff are currently reviewing job descriptions for the open Deputy City Clerk position and the Director of Public Safety positions with the City

T. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo stated he received many good comments about the City of Ironwood and commended City Staff for the recent drug bust.

Commissioner Mildren stated he had asked visitors from out of town what they liked the best about Ironwood and received comments about how nice the flowers were downtown and how nice it was that the stores were open late. He further stated they liked the walk in the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park noted how quiet it was and how tall the trees were.

U. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk