

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on June 12, 2017 at 5:30 P.M., and two (2) Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA) Public Hearings at 5:20 P.M. and 5:25 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran called the Zoning Board of Appeals to Order at 5:20 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran.

ABSENT: Mayor Burchell (excused).

3. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a variance request to Section 34-53 (2) for an addition to a garage at 723 Hill Street.

Community Development Director Bergman addressed the City Commission and reviewed with them the requirements and his recommendation. He further noted the current ordinance does not allow an accessory building of that size on such a narrow lot and does not present extraordinary circumstances.

Bill and Nicole Osterman, of 723 Hill Street explained to the City Commission their needs for the garage and the size which would house the boat and trailer that Bill has for his business along with all the other items they own. Nicole further noted she works in the medical field and is on call and it is hard to get out of her driveway after a storm since the snowplow comes around the corner and dumps it in the front yard where she currently must park her car. Mr. & Mrs. Osterman further noted they have contacted all their neighbors and they are all in favor of the addition to the garage.

Louise Demasi, of 400 Silver Street also addressed the City Commission expressing her dismay with the City for not taking advantage of the additional tax revenue that would be created if the garage was built. Further discussion of this matter took place.

5. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:34 P.M.
6. Consider Action on the Variance Request.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Mildren to grant the variance request from William and Nicole Osterman for a 28 x28 addition to their garage at 723 Hill Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran called the Zoning Board of Appeals to Order at 5:35 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran.

ABSENT: Mayor Burchell (excused).

3. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 P.M.

4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a variance request to Section 34-53 (5) for a new garage within the lot line setback at 121 W. Arch Street.

Community Development Director Bergman addressed the City Commission stating that this variance meets the size requirement in the ordinance but does not meet the lot line setback. He further stated the unique hardship is due to the layout of the existing building on the property and the size of the lot this is the only location on the property that a building could be placed and would recommend granting the variance request to build a garage 1.5 feet from the back-lot line.

5. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 P.M.

6. Consider Action on the Variance Request.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to grant the Variance Request to allow a setback of 1.5 ft. for the construction of an 874 sq. ft. garage within the side yard setback at 121 W. Arch Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

1. Mayor Pro Tem called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:41 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran.

ABSENT: Mayor Burchell (excused).

3. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:41 P.M.

4. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, schedule of Rates for the City Services, and the Property Tax Millage Rates levied to support the Proposed Budget.

Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn addressed the City Commission regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed budget, schedule of rates for the city services, and property tax millage rates levied to support the proposed budget with a 1% Tax Administration Fee. In reviewing the

appropriations act for fiscal year 2017-2018, Mr. Linn explained the major changes from fiscal year 2016-2017. Further discussion of this matter took place.

5. Mayor Pro Tem closed the Public Hearing at 5:47 P.M.

A. Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:47 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Semo, Tauer, and Mayor Pro Tem Corcoran.

ABSENT: Mayor Burchell (excused).

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of May 22nd & Special Meeting Minutes of June 6th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of April 27th.

b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 6th.

c. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of May 1st.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, 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 Mildren, 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).

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 Leonard Street addressed the City Commission expressing his dismay with leasing the surplus lawnmowers to a non-profit organization. Further comments were received.

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 Leonard Street addressed the City Commission expressing his dismay with hiring Coleman Engineering for future projects. Further comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. Review and Consider Resolution #017-014 approving an Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 including Budget establishment of the 2017-2018 Millage rates for City Services and authorizing the collection of a 1% Tax Administration Fee and adopt the 2017-2018 Fee Schedule.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Resolution #017-014 approving the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 including the budget establishment of the 2017-2018 Millage rates for City Services and authorizing the collection of a 1% Tax Administration Fee and adopt the 2017-2018 Fee Schedule. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider declaring two (2) lawn mowers surplus property or consider leasing mowers to the Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Authority and the Friends of the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to lease the two (2) lawn mowers to the Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Authority and the Friends of the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #017-013 authorizing the City of Ironwood to proceed toward Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #017-013 authorizing the City of Ironwood to proceed toward Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider approving bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2017 Crack Sealing in the amount of \$156,900.00.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2017 Crack Sealing in the amount of \$156,900.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider approving 2016/2017 Local Street Paving locations.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Tauer to approve the 2016/2017 Local Street Paving locations. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Consider approval of Rural Development Change Order No. 6 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project (Local) to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$11,762.21 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Change Order No. 6 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project (Local) to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$11,762.21 and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Discuss and Consider approving replacement of two (2) Sanitary Manhole Structures on BR - 2 to Ruotsala Construction, LLC.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the replacement of two (2) Sanitary Manhole Structures on BR – 2 to Ruotsala Construction, LLC. with the approval of the City Manager. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Discuss and Consider side letter of agreement with Local 1538, Michigan Council 25 AFSCME, AFL-CIO allowing one additional temporary employee for the summer of 2017.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the side letter of agreement with Local 1538, Michigan Council 25 AFSCME, AFL-CIO allowing one additional temporary employee for the summer of 2017. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Manager's Report.

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

- *The City has sent out numerous blight grass mowing notices and has started its blight grass cutting.
- *The Phase 4 water and sewer project bids have been received and approved by the City Commission.
- *The City DPW Water Department will be flushing water main(s) this week (week of June 11, 2017).
- *Fahrner Asphalt Sealers started their street pavement striping last week and will be completing the work this week.
- *The Downtown flower baskets were put up last week.
- *The Curry Park Campground shower house building exterior is being painted by our local area youth involved in the Work Based Learning Program.

P. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo questioned the condition of the old Pamida Building.

Commissioner Mildren thanked City Staff for the flower baskets and requested the City of Ironwood look again into the length of the lights with MDOT along US2 at Douglas Blvd., Lake Street, and Luxmore.

Q. Consider Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations with Ironwood Public Safety Officers Association affiliated with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to enter closed session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with Ironwood Public Safety Officers Association affiliated with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

R. Return to Open Session.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to return to open session at 6:40 p.m.

S. Discuss and Consider ratification of Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.) collective bargaining agreement.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to ratify the Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.) collective bargaining agreement for a two (2) year contract August 2017 – July 31, 2019 with a salary adjustment of 1.5% each year. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

T. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor Pro Tem

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk