

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on December 11, 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 Cayer, Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

C. Oath of Office

1. Public Safety Director

City Clerk Karen Gullan administered the Oath of Office to the new Public Safety Director Gregory Klecker.

Mayor Burchell and the City Commission welcomed Public Safety Director Klecker to the City of Ironwood.

D. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of November 27th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 6th.

b. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of October 4th and November 1st.

c. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Meeting Minutes of October 2nd and November 6th.

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

E. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street addressed the City Commission expressed his dismay with item N. and the “Notice of Intent” from the Gogebic County Road Commission to purchase 13 acres in the City of Ironwood Industrial Park.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider final payment to Binz Bros. Well Drilling & Pump Service for well rehabilitation and new pump for Well #202 in the amount of \$26,775.00.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the final payment to Binz Bros. Well Drilling & Pump Service for well rehabilitation and new pump for Well #202 in the amount of \$26,775.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and Consider approving Tolling Agreement for Claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act relating to the Ironwood Manufactured Gas Plant Site.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Tolling Agreement for Claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act relating to the Ironwood Manufactured Gas Plant Site. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider approving balancing change order for the 2016/2017 Street Paving Project.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the balancing change order for the 2016/2017 Street Paving Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider awarding lowest bid to Pomp’s Tire for four (4) 23.5R25 Michelin SNOPLUS M&STG and four (4) 20.5R25 Michelin SNOPLUS M&STG Tires for Department of Public Works (DPW) loaders in the amount of \$16,840.00.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to award the lowest bid to Pomp’s Tire for four (4) 23.5R25 Michelin SNOPLUS M&STG and four (4) 20.5R25 Michelin SNOPLUS M&STG Tires for Department of Public Works (DPW) loaders in the amount of \$16,840.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and Consider purchase of a 2018 Dodge Charger Patrol Car for Ironwood Public Safety Department from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$24,297.00.

Motion was made Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize the purchase of a 2018 Dodge Charger Patrol Car for Ironwood Public Safety Department from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$24,297.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Request from Larry Rovelsky to discuss the 16" Water Main Transmission Construction.

Larry Rovelsky addressed the City Commission and expressed his concerns with the City of Ironwood's 16" Water Main Transmission Construction. Mr. Rovelsky noted he was not against the project but asked if there was a legal opinion from the City Attorney. Further discussion of this matter took place.

NEW BUSINESS

N. Discuss and Consider approving a "Notice of Intent" with the Gogebic County Road Commission to purchase property (approx. 13 acres) in the City of Ironwood Industrial Park.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the "Notice of Intent" with the Gogebic County Road Commission to purchase property (approx. 13 acres) in the City of Ironwood Industrial Park.

ROLL CALL:

YES (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

NO (1): Commissioner Cayer.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

O. Consider appointment of representatives to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board.

Mayor Burchell reappointed City Manager Erickson and Utilities Manager Bob Tervonen to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board for a two (2) year term (term expiring June 30, 2019).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to approve the Mayor's reappoint of City Manager Scott Erickson and Utilities Manager Bob Tervonen to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board for a two (2) year term (term expiring June 30, 2019).

P. Discuss and Consider approving Memorandum of Agreement with Northstar EAP for participation in an employee assistance program.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Northstar EAP for participation in an employee assistance program. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Q. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Burchell reappointed Pam Johnson to a five (5) year term on the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board (term expiring December 31, 2022), Luke Penrose and John Lorenson to a three (3) year term on the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board (term expiring October 31, 2020), Sam Davey and Nancy Korpela to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission (term expiring December 31, 2020), Thomas Kangas to a three (3) year term on the Park and Recreation Committee (term expiring July 1, 2020), and Robert Burchell to a three (3) year term on the Board of Review (term expiring December 31, 2020).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Pam Johnson to a five (5) year term on the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board (term expiring December 31, 2022), Luke Penrose and John Lorenson to a three (3) year term on the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board (term expiring October 31, 2020), Sam Davey and Nancy Korpela to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission (term expiring December 31, 2020), Thomas Kangas to a three (3) year term on the Park and Recreation Committee (term expiring July 1, 2020), and Robert Burchell to a three (3) year term on the Board of Review (term expiring December 31, 2020).*

R. Manager's Report.

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

- *The next "First Friday" event downtown will be Friday, January 5, 2018.*
- *The SISU Cross Country Ski Marathon event will be occurring on Saturday, January 6, 2018.*
- *The Snowmobile Olympus ice oval races at the Gogebic County Fairgrounds are scheduled as follows: Saturday, December 30, 2017 (Pro Vintage Races) and Saturday/Sunday, January 6-7 (USSA Pro Star Races).*
- *A Sno Cross Race will be held on Saturday, December 16th at the Gogebic Community College.*
- *The City of Ironwood was recommended for a MDNR Trust Fund Grant to connect the Iron Belle Trail to Norrie Park.*
- *The development of Phase III of the Iron Belle regional trail is moving forward with the support of the local health foundation and construction is anticipated for the summer of 2020.*
- *Reminded everyone the next City Commission meeting will be moved to Thursday, December 28th due to the Christmas Holiday.*
- *A public listening session will be provided in the very near future to hear public input of the City Commission/Planning Commission regarding the new medical marijuana laws.*

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren thanked the City of Ironwood, volunteers, businesses, and the community for their support of another Santa Helper's event.

Mayor Burchell and the City Commission wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Cayer questioned the dirty water being created by the fairgrounds.

T. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk