

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on October 9, 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 called 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 September 25th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Meeting Minutes of July 12th and Sept. 6th.

b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 7th.

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 Corcoran, seconded by Mildren 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 Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to receive and place on file the Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending September 30, 2017 and the Cash Summary Report dated September 2017.

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

Bill Martell, of 420 W. Francis Street asked the City Commission where he could see the full SAW Grant Report. Mr. Martell further questioned the money in the funds and why the City was not using the extra money to fund some of the projects on the agenda.

G. 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 to complain about the cars speeding on Florence Street. He requested stop signs be placed on every street intersection to slow down traffic. Mr. Grbavcich also complained about the streets being blocked during the SISU Ski Fest. Further comments were received.

Bill Martell, of 420 W. Francis Street had several questions for the City Commission from patches on McLeod, the railroad grant status, and when the houses would be reassessed in the Aurora Land Association Plat. City Staff provided Mr. Martell with answers to all his questions.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider request from the Gogebic County Fair/Friends of the Fair for a “Special Event Water Rate” for the 2017/2018 Snowmobile Olympus being held at the Gogebic County Fair Grounds on December 30, 2017 and January 6th and 7th, 2018.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to grant the request from the Gogebic County Fair/Friends of the Fair for a “Special Event Water Rate” for the 2017/2018 Snowmobile Olympus being held at the Gogebic County Fair Grounds on December 30, 2017 and January 6th and 7th, 2018. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and Consider approval of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality SAW Grant Storm Water, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant Wastewater Asset Management Plan Certificate of Project Completeness and authorize City Manager Scott Erickson to sign all applicable documents

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality SAW Grant Storm Water, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant Wastewater Asset Management Plan Certificate of Project Completeness and authorize City Manager Scott Erickson to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider approving Traffic Control Order for Zones 10 for the City of Ironwood.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Traffic Control Order for Zones 10 for the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid out seized property from IPSD and the Gogebic Iron Area Narcotics Team (GIANT) and reduce the previous minimum bid on #9 Ski-doo Bombardier from \$700 to \$500 and #18 Snap-on Solus Pro Diagnostic Tool from \$1,500 to \$500.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to authorize advertisement to bid out seized property from IPSD and the Gogebic Iron Area Narcotics Team (GIANT) and reduce the previous minimum bid on #9 Ski-doo Bombardier from \$700 to \$500 and #18 Snap-on Solus Pro Diagnostic Tool from \$1,500 to \$500 along with authorizing the sale of such items if they meet the minimum bids and utilize the Wisconsin auction site for sale of the property. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

L. Manager's Report.

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

*Manager Erickson mentioned the recent fire at Golden Dragon and Mayor Burchell made the following statement on behalf of the Ironwood City Commission, citizens of Ironwood and business and property owners of our fair city.

Mayor Burchell publicly thanked and acknowledged both the Ironwood Public Safety Department, Ironwood Volunteer Fire Department, City of Hurley, Hurley Volunteer Fire Department for handling the fire at the Golden Dragon Restaurant and apartment building last Wednesday so quickly, professionally, and effectively. The quick response, skill and experience in handling this fire minimized the potential damage that could have resulted, especially in our beautiful, historic downtown.

The City Commission also thanked the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police who assisted in traffic control downtown. They also thanked the American Red Cross and Beacon Ambulance for their response and assistance.

She further stated our community thanks them all who were involved for their good work in such dangerous situations to save lives and property.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried to approve sending a thank you letter to all agencies involved thanking them for their collaborative assistance in this fire event.

- *Last weeks "First Friday" Plaidurday event was enjoyed by many residents and visitors who took part in bringing a lot of plaid to the City of Ironwood.
- *Phase 4 water and sewer project continues to move along nicely.
- *The environmental remediation has been completed on the 4 of the 5 houses awarded to Snow Country Contracting to be demolished and in the next two (2) weeks they will be coming down.
- *Thanked Coleman Engineering Company for fundraising for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit to be placed at the Memorial Building.
- *Thanked City Staff, City Commissioners and Junior ROTC individuals that braved the wet and cold weather on Saturday to help with the "City Clean Up Day".
- *Contracts have been signed with Binz Brothers for the rehabilitation of Municipal Well #202 and will begin shortly.

City Manager Erickson addressed several of the questions that were asked by Bill Martel stating the Department of Public Works have been working on fixing the leaks identified by the Water

Leak Detection Company. He noted the sidewalk policy is in the process of being worked on and will be developed during the winter months. The McLeod Avenue patches would be done Wednesday or Thursday and the Aurora Land Association land has been reassessed and will be on the tax roles in 2018.

M. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren commended the Department of Public Works for fixing the roads and thanked City Staff for the great job they did on holding the “First Friday”.

Commissioner Semo requested to be excused from the next City Commission meeting if he does not make it back in time.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Tauer and carried to excuse Commissioner Semo from the next regular City Commission meeting on October 23, 2017.*

Commissioner Corcoran thanked City Manager Erickson for commenting on the comments and the great job everyone did including the ROTC at the “City Clean Up Day”

N. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 P.M.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk