

### Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A regular meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on September 25, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. along with a public hearing at 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 5:25 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

3. Mayor Burchell opened the public hearing at 5:26 P.M.
4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 225 E. Harding Ave. (52-22-132-220).

Jason Alonen, Code Enforcement Officer addressed the City Commission stating the homeowner has removed some of the unlicensed vehicles and informed him they would remove the remainder of the vehicles by the end of the week.

Margaret Celeski, of 258 E. Harding Street addressed the City Commission to ask what if the property owner starts storing unlicensed vehicles on his property again? City Staff responded and noted that the City must follow the ordinance but the ordinance provides for a shorter period for the removal of the unlicensed vehicles. Further discussion of this matter took place.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:30 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, Tauer, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Housing Meeting Minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo to approve the amended consent agenda with the correction to the City Commission Minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to approve the amended agenda adding item H1. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #017-030 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance (blight) located at 225 E. Harding Ave. (Parcel #52-22-132-220).

E. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

**Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for the month of August. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

H1. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #017-030 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance (blight) located at 225 E. Harding Ave. (Parcel #52-22-132-220).

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #017-030 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance (blight) located at 225 E. Harding Ave. (Parcel #52-22-132-220) and authorize City Staff to remove the blight after 10 days if not removed by owner. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

H. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$219,387.53 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$219,387.53 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.

I. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$162,626.45 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 \$162,626.45 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.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- J. Discuss and Consider request from the Historic Ironwood Theatre (HIT) to amend/develop a lease agreement with the HIT to address building roof repairs.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to authorize City Staff and the City Attorney to draft a lease agreement with the Historic Ironwood Theatre (HIT) for a term of five (5) years (for reimbursement of roof repair costs), no interest, maximum of \$60,000.00, to help with the building roof repairs, and authorize the appropriate City Staff to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #017-032 Michigan Department of Natural Resource Trust fund Grant application for the Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Project.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Resolution #017-032 Michigan Department of Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant application for the Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for 1,500 tons of Winter Sand to Smily's Excavating in the amount of \$10,500.00.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to award the bid for 1,500 tons of Winter Sand to Smily's Excavating in the amount of \$10,500.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for Well #202 Rehabilitation to Binz Brothers Well & Pump in the amount of \$19,200.00.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to award the bid for Well #202 Rehabilitation to Binz Brothers Well & Pump in the amount of \$19,200.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and Consider approving change order #1 for Well #202 Rehabilitation Project.

**Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the change order #1 for Well #202 Rehabilitation Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and Consider approving balancing change order and payment #1 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount of \$27,231.31 for the 2017 Pavement Markings.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the balancing change order and payment #1 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount of \$27,231.31 for the 2017 Pavement Markings. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and Consider approving Traffic Control Orders for Zones 7, 8, and 9 for the City of Ironwood.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Traffic Control Orders for Zones 7, 8, and 9 for the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Manager's Report.

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

*\*City Manager Erickson acknowledged all the wonderful volunteers from this past weekend for the Bridges and Bluffs Half Marathon. He stated it was a combined effort of Ironwood and Bessemer trail supporters along with the Gogebic Range Health Foundation made the event happen.*

*\*Manager Erickson noted Cemetery Sexton, Steve Lehto was retiring after 22 years of working for the City of Ironwood. He urged everyone to wish Steve well and thanked him for the great job he did for the City of Ironwood.*

*\*The next "First Friday" event in the Downtown will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 with an Upper Peninsula theme of "Plaidurday".*

*\*Snow Country Contracting has been awarded contracts for the demolition of 5 blighted residential structures and would begin work once the environmental items have been addressed.*

*\*The 2017 street crack sealing project has been completed.*

*\*Interviews for the IPSD Director position will take place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*\*City Manager Erickson recognized Andrew DiGiorgio for the great job he did while with the City of Ironwood and stated the college is lucky to have him.*

The Ironwood City Commission also thanked Andrew DiGiorgio for all he has done for the community.

Director DiGiorgio addressed the City Commission and stated he felt honored to have worked for the City of Ironwood. He thanked everyone for the great experience and opportunity he was given to serve as Public Safety Director for the City of Ironwood. Additional comments were received.

- R. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren stated the Bridges and Bluffs Half Marathon was a wonderful event and it was nice to see over 250 people gathering at the Depot Park.

Mayor Burchell and City Commission also felt it was a great event and noted the fabulous volunteers.

S. Adjournment.

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk