

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on September 11, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. along with the Zoning Board of Appeals 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 Zoning Board of Appeals to Order at 5:25 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Tauer, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.
ABSENT: Commissioner Corcoran (excused).

3. Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing at 5:26 P.M.
4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a variance request to Section 34-53 (7) for construction of a second accessory building over 200 sq. ft. at 1121 N. Hemlock Street.

Community Development Director Bergman addressed the Ironwood City Commission explaining the variance request does not meet the criteria of an overly burdensome hardship and felt there were other alternatives. He further noted he received no negative comments from the neighbors within 500 ft. of the proposed garage.

Commission Mildren noted the homeowner would be constructing a \$30,000.00 structure on his property with no negative impact to the neighborhood. Further discussion of this matter took place.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:29 P.M.
6. Consider Action on the Variance Request.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Tauer to grant the variance request to construct a second accessory building over 200 sq. ft. (24' x 30') at 1121 N. Hemlock Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.
- B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mildren, Tauer, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.
ABSENT: Commissioner Corcoran (excused).

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of August 28th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 3rd.

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 Tauer 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 and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the month ending August 31, 2017 and the Monthly Cash Report dated August 2017.

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

Bill Martell, of 420 W. Gogebic Street questioned the City Commission regarding Phase V, payment to Fahrner Asphalt and the clean-up of the old gas plant.

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

Doris Remondini, of 519 E. Bundy Street addressed the City Commission regarding being harassed by the neighbor's kids.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #017-029 scheduling a Public Hearing of Monday, September 25th at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation at 225 E. Harding Avenue.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #017-029 scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, September 25th at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation at 225 E. Harding Avenue. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- I. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$25,503 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Sewer Portion (final payment to Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$25,503 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 3 Utility Project Sewer Portion (final payment to Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Consider approval of Resolution #017-031 “Resolution to Close Contracts with Ruotsala Construction, LLC, Michigan Department of Transportation and Coleman Engineering and make Final Payment to Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services for Construction of the City of Ironwood Phase III Utility Project.”

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the amended Resolution #017-031 “Resolution to Close Contracts with Ruotsala Construction, LLC, Michigan Department of Transportation and Coleman Engineering and make Final Payment to Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services for Construction of the City of Ironwood Phase III Utility Project.”*

- K. Manager’s Report.

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

- *He thanked the community volunteer, city staff person or one of the many individuals who make our community a great place to live! The City Commission also added a thank you to the community businesses for all that they do to support.*
- *The next “First Friday” event in the Downtown will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017.*
- *The downtown banners are a nice addition to the streetscape and was strongly supported by the City DWP crew when replacing the bent and broken banner arms.*
- *Phase 4 water and sewer project is moving along well.*
- *He thanked the DPW for all the things they do behind the scenes.*
- *The DPW crews were preparing for the 16” watermain connection underneath the railroad tracks.*
- *A ribbon cutting will be held this Friday, September 15th at 4:30 P.M. on the top of Mount Zion to dedicate the new deck.*
- *Little League group continues construction on the new concession stand at the Little League Field.*
- *Crack sealing is a preventative measure to keep our City streets in good condition and the cost was approximately \$150,000.00.*
- *Northwood’s Paving will be paving the second lane on Wednesday and after the mainline is paved there will be an additional few days of paving to tie in the adjacent intersections and then the final pavement striping will occur.*
- *The City Clean Up day will be Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Ayer Street location.*
- *EPA and DEQ are working on an ability to pay analysis for the City of Ironwood on the Old Gas Plant.*
- *Phase V will be identified during the SAW Grant Program review.*

A brief discussion took place regarding the development of a Regional Community Calendar between Iron County and the City of Ironwood.

L. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo also suggested they include a kids calendar with the Regional Community Calendar.

Commissioner Mildren mentioned how nice it was to see the City of Ironwood's streets being done. Further comments were received.

M. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk