

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 12, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. along with two (2) Public Hearings at 5:20 P.M. and 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. Public Hearing: To hear comment on an application to the DNR Trust Fund Grant Application being for the Miners Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail System in the City of Ironwood.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission stating the Public Hearing was to allow the public to hear comment on a DNR Trust Fund Grant application for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail System in the City of Ironwood. Mr. Bergman discussed the details of the application with the City Commission, including the grant match funding.

No other public comments were received.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:29 P.M.
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1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:29 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on an application to the DNR Recreational Passport Grant for the North Lowell Street Playground.

Community Development Director Bergman addressed the City Commission stating that the public hearing was to hear comment on a DNR Recreational Passport Grant application for the North Lowell Street Playground. Mr. Bergman discussed the details of the application with the City Commission, including the grant match.

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street asked the City Commission if the church that donated the property for the playground project gave the City a time frame to complete the project.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:35 P.M.
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- A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of February 26th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 4th, 2018.
- b. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of February 13th, 2018.
- c. Parks & recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of January 11th, 2018.
- d. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5th, 2018.
- e. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Meeting Minutes of December 6th, 2017.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to amend the agenda to correct item I., changing the spelling of “Sarri’s” to “Saari’s”, and to include items II. Discuss and Consider Resolution #018-004 authorizing the submission of the DNR Trust Fund Grant application for the Miners’ Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail System in the City of Ironwood, and I2. Consider and Consider Resolution #018-005 authorizing the submission of the DNR Recreational Passport Grant application for the North Lowell St. Playground.*

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street questioned whether the City would be funding another employee as part of the agreement with the Ironwood Tourism Council (ITC).

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard expressed his concerns about the blight problem that has been on the City Commission goal list for the past few years. He feels that it is not being properly addressed. He also feels that the City Commission should have drug enforcement as their number one goal.

G. AUDIENCE: Jim Whittinghill, Sales Manager, Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. (RE: Update)

Jim Whittinghill, Sales Manager from Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. updated the City Commission stating the recycling amounts are increasing, which is great. He further stated that

Eagle Waste and the City of Ironwood have a great relationship. Additional comments were received.

H. PRESENTATION: Tom Bergman, Community Development Director.
(RE: Comprehensive Plan)

Community Development Director Bergman gave a presentation on the City of Ironwood's Comprehensive Plan, updating the Commission on completed projects, as well as projects currently in progress. Mr. Bergman emphasized the importance of the plan and indicated that it is referenced daily by City staff. Further discussion of this matter took place.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Discuss and Consider awarding bids to Saari's Lawn Service for a 3-Year contract in the amount of \$21,810.00 for mowing and trimming of City Parks.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to award the bid to Saari's Lawn Service for a 3-Year contract for mowing and trimming of City Parks in the amount of \$21,810.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

II. Discuss and Consider authorizing Resolution #018-004 the submission of the DNR Trust Fund Grant application for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail System in the City of Ironwood.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve Resolution #018-004 authorizing the submission of the DNR Trust Fund Grant application for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail System in the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

I2. Discuss and Consider Resolution #018-005 authorizing the submission of the DNR Recreational Passport Grant application for the North Lowell St. Playground.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Resolution #018-005 authorizing the submission of the DNR Recreational Passport Grant application for the North Lowell St. Playground. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Discuss and consider approval of agreement with the Ironwood Tourism Council (ITC).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the agreement with the Ironwood Tourism Council (ITC). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and Consider declaring the 2002 Chevy Tahoe K1500 as surplus property and authorize advertisement for bids.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran and carried to declare the 2002 Chevy Tahoe K1500 as surplus property and authorize advertisement for bids.

L. Discuss and Consider approving 2018-2019 City Commission Goals.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve the 2018-2019 City Commission Goals. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Discuss and consider approving Application for Waiver and Plan for the City's Defined Benefit Pension Retirement System.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the Application for Waiver and Plan for the City's Defined Benefit Pension Retirement System. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Manager's Report.

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

- *Initial clean-up of the two (2) downtown buildings is underway.
- *Season weight restrictions were put on City streets last Friday.
- *Contracts have been awarded for the demolition of five (5) blighted residential properties.
- *The Downtown Ironwood Development Authority has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to host a summer music series in the downtown.
- *Routsala Construction has installed the last section of the new 16" watermain connecting the City to the wellfields north of town.
- *Spring clean-up day will be Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- *Bid specifications are currently being prepared for the 2018 local street paving project and the 2018 street crack sealing project.

O. Other Matters.

Commissioner Corcoran noted she has received many compliments regarding the winter plowing and sand/salting that the City DPW crews have done.

Commissioner Mildren wanted everyone to save the date for a luncheon to be held on Tuesday, March 27th, to recognize the efforts of the First Responders and Public Safety Officers who responded to the tragic fire downtown. Further details will follow.

Commissioner Cayer noted he has received concerns regarding the melting of the large snow banks along Sutherland and Washington.

P. Consider Closed Session to consult with city attorney regarding information and records subject to attorney-client privilege pursuant to MCL15.268(h) and MCL 15.243(1)(g).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to enter closed session at 6:36 p.m. to consult with the City Attorney regarding information and records subject to attorney-client privilege

pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.243(l)(g). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Q. Return to Open Session

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to return to open session at 7:11 p.m.*

R. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk