

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 11, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. along with 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 Beltline Railroad Grade Acquisition Phase 2 in the City of Ironwood.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission regarding the application to the DNR Trust Fund for the Beltline Railroad Grade Acquisition Phase 2 in the City of Ironwood. Mr. Bergman noted this year's grant application is for the west portion of the grade that would connect into the western end of the Iron Belle Trail. This grant would be for acquisition only and construction of the trail would happen in future years based on adequate funding. Based on the current market value, it is believed the project would cost approximately \$20,000 in which the City would need to provide a 26% match equaling \$5,200. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.
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1. Mayor Burchell called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:30 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on an application to the DNR Grant Application for the Curry Park Improvements Phase 2 in the City of Ironwood.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission regarding an application to the DNR for the Curry Park Improvements Phase 2 in the City of Ironwood. Mr. Bergman noted in 2013 the City applied for a trust fund grant to update the Curry Park Campground located in the City of Ironwood. At that time the City upgraded 30 sites and added additional amenities including ADA compliant picnic tables. This grant application will be to continue that process by upgrading an additional 10 sites as well as improving signage for the campground. The total project cost is approximately \$51,500 with the City of Ironwood providing a 26% grant match of \$13,390.

Randall Kashich, of 314 Lake Avenue expressed his concerns with additional staffing after improvements were made to Curry Park. The Commission noted there would be no additional cost for staffing the only thing that was being done was upgrading 10 existing sites. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5: 35 P.M.
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A. Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. and asked for a motion to excuse Commissioner Cayer from tonight's meeting.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to excuse Commissioner Cayer from tonight's meeting.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Cayer (excused).

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 Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of December 28th, 2018.

b. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019.

c. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4th and March 4th (Draft), 2019.

*3) Approve Sale of:

a. DAV Northern Chapter, #66 – Forget Me Not flowers on May 10th & 11th.

Motion was made by Corcoran, 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 Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to approve the amended agenda to include under item G. ... and adopt Resolution #019-004 and under item H. ... and adopt Resolution #019-005 as presented.

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

Randall Kashich, of 314 Lake Avenue expressed his dismay with not having the full packet at the City Commission Meeting.

The City Clerk Karen Gullan encouraged Mr. Kashich to visit the City Clerk's Office any day prior to the meeting to obtain a copy of the full packet. Additional comments were received.

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

Randall Kashich, of 314 Lake Avenue expressed his dismay regarding not receiving a full explanation of his past due \$270 water bill. Additional comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. Consider authorizing submittal of the DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Beltline Railroad Grade Acquisition Phase 2 in the City of Ironwood **and adopt Resolution #019-004.**

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to authorize the submittal of the DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Beltline Railroad Grade Acquisition Phase 2 in the City of Ironwood and adopt Resolution #019-004. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- H. Consider authorizing submittal of the DNR Grant for the Curry Park Improvements Phase 2 Project in the City of Ironwood **and adopt Resolution #019-005.**

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to authorize the submittal of the DNR Grant for the Curry Park Improvements Phase 2 Project in the City of Ironwood and adopt Resolution #019-005. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$12,278.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project Water Portion and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$12,278.75 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.

- J. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$2,539.50 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 \$2,539.50 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.

- K. Discuss and Consider authorizing USDA Rural Development grant application for a Public Safety Vehicle.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to authorize the USDA Rural Development grant application for a Public Safety Vehicle.

- L. Discuss and Consider authorization bids for the 2019 Pavement Chip Sealing project.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to authorize bids for the 2019 Pavement Sealing project.

The City Commission requested clarification from City Staff on the Norrie Park Road chip sealing since it was recently done a few years ago.

M. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Burchell appointed Mathew Sommer to the expired term of Donald Osier for a three (3) year term (term expiring October 31, 2021) and Mae Moderson to the unexpired term of Luke Penrose for a three (3) year term (term expiring October 31, 2020) on the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mathew Sommer (term expiring October 31, 2021) and Mae Moderson (term expiring October 31, 2020) on the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board.*

N. Manager's Report.

Under the Manager's Report City Clerk Karen Gullan reminded the City Commission about the Festival Ironwood Steak Feed that was taking place on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Elk & Hound.

O. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo requested to be excused from the April 8th City Commission Meeting.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to excuse Commissioner Semo from the April 8th City Commission Meeting.*

Commissioner Mildren noted it was just one (1) year ago that the devastating fire happened downtown. All the Fire Departments across Gogebic and Iron County did an excellent job and the town has recovered. He wished to give prayers to the three (3) individuals who lost their lives. Additional comments were received.

P. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 P.M.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk