

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. along with a Zoning Board of Appeals at 5:20 P.M. and 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 Zoning Board of Appeals to Order at 5:20 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

3. Consider action on the variance request of temporary storage without a principal use at 844 E. Ayer Street in the I-1 Industrial District.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission stating the applicant requested this item be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Cayer stated he would not be present at the next meeting and requested it be moved to the first regular meeting in June. The City Commission agreed, and the applicant would be notified.

4. Mayor Burchell opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M.

5. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a variance to Section 34-53(2)(a)(ii) for a new garage located at 509 N. Curry Street, Ironwood, MI 49938.

Community Development Director Bergman addressed the City Commission stating the request before them was to erect a 32' x 48' or 1536 sq. ft. garage at 509 N. Curry Street. He reviewed with the City Commission the fact that the property was Zoned R-1 Single Family Residential District and that two (2) variances would be required to grant this request. The first request was for lots of ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area or greater but less than an acre, the accessory building shall not exceed thirty (30) feet by thirty (30) feet or nine hundred (900) square feet. This garage did not meet the size or the second variance request of the height not to exceed 18 feet.

Director Bergman also informed the City Commission that notices were published and sent out to property owners within a 300 ft. radius. Mr. Bergman received no comments for or against this variance requests from the public.

Brian Stella, of 513 N. Curry Street and Michael Johnson of 515 N. Curry Street both stated they did not have a problem with the applicant building a garage of this size. Further discussion of this matter took place.

6. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:33 P.M.

7. Consider action on the variance request for a new garage located at 509 N. Curry Street.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to grant the variance request for a new garage located at 509 N. Curry Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

8. Mayor Burchell adjourned the Zoning Board of Appeals at 5:35 p.m.

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 April 22nd.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Economic Development Authority Corporation (EDC) Meeting Minutes of April 3rd.
- b. Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of March 22nd.
- c. Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 3rd and February 25th.
- d. Gogebic County Veterans Affairs Meeting Minutes of April 18th.
- e. Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1st.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the consent agenda as presented with the correction to the Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 22nd reflecting roll call votes on items M, N, and Q. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

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

There were none.

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

Ivan Hellen, of 311 E. Aurora Street addressed the City Commission to give them an update on the Gogebic Range Mural Attraction Committee. He also requested that the City take a look and perhaps move the no parking sign alongside of the Lahti Building that obstruct the view of the new mural.

Randall Kashich, of 342 Lake Avenue expressed his dismay with the potholes on the streets and the garage that was built next to him.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. Discuss and Consider approving the Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant Agreement with the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority (MLB) (demolition of 238 E. Ayer Street) and authorize City Manager to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant Agreement with the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority (MLB)(demolition of 238 E. Ayer Street) and authorize City Manager to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- H. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 109 Norrie St. in the amount of \$19,469.40.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to award the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 109 Norrie St. in the amount of \$19,469.40, approximately \$662.00 of this bid will be taken out of previously budgeted demolition funds. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 321 Alfred Wright Blvd. in the amount of \$18,289.20.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to award the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 321 Alfred Wright Blvd. in the amount of \$18,289.20. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Snow Country Contracting for 149 W. Larch St. in the amount of \$19,249.00.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to award the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Snow Country Contracting for 149 W. Larch St. in the amount of \$19,249.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 419 N. Suffolk St. in the amount of \$21,284.00.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to award the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 419 N. Suffolk St. in the amount of \$21,284.00, approximately \$2,335.00 of this bid will be taken out of previously budgeted demolition funds. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 113 South Range Rd. in the amount of \$10,974.60.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to award the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 113 South Range Rd. in the amount of \$10,974.60. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 208 Clemens St. in the amount of \$16,311.60.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to award the lowest demolition bid for the “Hardest Hit” Blight Grant to Angelo Luppino for 208 Clemens St. in the amount of \$16,311.60. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest bid for the 2019 Pavement Chip Sealing Project to Fahrner Asphalt in the amount of \$122,463.80.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to award the lowest bid for the 2019 Pavement Chip Sealing Project to Fahrner Asphalt in the amount of \$122,463.80. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

O. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #019-008 scheduling a public hearing for the remediation of the blighted property located at 107 & 111 W. McLeod Ave. (Zigmund Pavlock).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded Mildren to approve Resolution #019-008 scheduling a public hearing for the remediation of the blighted property located at 107 & 111 W. McLeod Ave. (Zigmund Pavlock). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

P. Discuss and Consider approving employment and compensation package for Pat O’Donnell Civic Center Manager as recommended by the Civic Center Board.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve the employment and compensation package for the Pat O’Donnell Civic Center Manager as recommended by the Civic Center Board. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Q. Discuss and Consider approving a FEMA-4381-DR-MI Grant Agreement with FEMA and the Michigan State Police and authorize City Manager to sign same.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the FEMA-4381-DR-MI Grant Agreement with FEMA and the Michigan State Police and authorize City Manager Erickson to sign the same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

R. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for a new 1-ton 4x4 with plow and a new 1-ton 4x4 crew cab with toolboxes and liftgate for the DPW.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to authorize bids for a new 1-ton 4x4 with plow and a new 1-ton 4x4 crew cab with toolboxes and liftgate for the DPW.

S. Mayor's Appointment

Mayor Burchell appointed Ivan Hellen to the expired term of Cameron Pitts for a four (4) year term (term expiring June 30, 2022) on the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA).

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer and carried to approve the Mayor's appoint of Ivan Hellen for a four (4) year term (term expiring June 30, 2022) on the DIDA.

T. Manager's Report.

City Clerk Karen Gullan reminded the City Commission that the next regular meeting will be held at the same time on Tuesday, May 28th following Memorial Day according to the Charter Section 4.6(b).

U. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren commended all the volunteers and Copper Peak for a job well done. He also mentioned that a resident on Curry Street requested the City look at the sidewalks in their area. Commissioner Mildren noted that the City of Ironwood is trying to tackle this problem and is working on a sidewalk plan.

Commissioner Cayer requested to be excused from the next regular meeting.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to excuse Commissioner Cayer from the next regular meeting.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Bob Richards announced hydrant flushing will begin Sunday night.

V. Adjournment.

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

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk