

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on June 24, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. along with Public Hearings at 5:15 P.M., 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 5:15 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.
ABSENT: None.

3. Public Hearing: To hear comment on the USDA Rural Development Grant Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of a Public Safety Patrol Vehicle.

Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn addressed the City Commission regarding the USDA Rural Development Grant Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of a Public Safety Patrol Vehicle. The grant amount was for \$16,500.00 toward a \$30,000.00 vehicle. Further discussion of this matter took place with no public comment.

4. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:19 P.M.

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1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:20 P.M.
 2. Public Hearing: To hear public comment on the application for a Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the purpose of using \$35,000 CDBG/RLF funds to support the business operations of Superior Mobile Canning, LLC. Funds to be used to purchase equipment and result in the hiring of 1 new employee which is expected to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman introduced to the City Commission Chuck Hurst from Northern Initiatives. Mr. Hurst is the VP of lending for Region 1. Mr. Hurst noted that Superior Mobile Canning, LLC was located just outside of the Ironwood City limits but would be employing one (1) full time equivalent position with a low to moderate income individual from the City of Ironwood. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:26 P.M.

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1. Call public hearing to order at 5:26 P.M.
 2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on Ordinance No. 519, Book 5, an Ordinance to amending Article 1. Marihuana Establishments, Sec. 36-6 changing the sunset date to the January 13, 2020.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission regarding Ordinance No. 519, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Article 1. Marihuana Establishments, Sec. 36-6 changing the sunset date to January 13, 2020. City Manager Erickson explained that the only thing that is being changed was the date. This date change would allow time for the State of Michigan to get their processes and rules in place. It was also noted that an advisory group had been set up and a work session is being planned for later in July.

Michael Meyer, of 112 W. Ridge Street, who is a member of the advisory group urged the City Commission to support this Ordinance.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:32 P.M.

A. Regular Meeting Called to Order.

B. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of June 10th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of Ironwood Housing Commission of June 11, 2019.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the consent agenda as amended with the minutes of June 10th including the roll call vote on the budget with Commissioner Cayer voting no, Carissa Cayer-Mott's name corrected, along with a couple of minor typographical errors being fixed. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

C. Approval of the Agenda

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

D. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.

2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending May 31, 2019 and the Cash and Investment Summary Report month ending May 31, 2019.*

E. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for the month ending May 31, 2019. 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)

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street demanded that the City of Ironwood outsource an external, impartial study of the water system and an independent audit of the water department. He also wanted the City Commission to eliminate the security deposit, reduce the late fee to 1% with a one (1) week grace period, eliminate the turn on/turn off fee, reduce the delinquent reconnect fee to \$25, prepare a customer service agreement, restructure the ready to serve rates to reduce the burden on small households, and adjust garbage fees.

Dominic Kessler, of 360 W. Midland Avenue addressed the City Commission stating he does not have any issue with his water, but he felt there must be a problem since all the people signed an online petition and were making comments on face book.

Michael Johnson, of 515 N. Curry Street also addressed the City Commission stating his wife is allergic to chlorine and he cannot even use the water.

David Ward, of 205 S. Curry Street mentioned he has had continual discolored water and will not even let his dog drink the water.

Savannah Campbell, of 421 Kennedy expressed her dismay with the water system and felt the water was unacceptable. She even filled out the form for a water test and discovered that she could not send in a sample of the water because the water contains chlorine. Mayor Burchell noted in the past she had sent in water samples for bacteriological testing which came back with no bacteria in the water.

The City Commission and City Staff urged residents to call the water department if they are having issues so it can be documented and investigated. It was also noted that a work session before the next regular meeting on this subject would take place. Further discussion of this matter took place.

H. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

(RE: Declaration of Ironwood LGBTQ+ Pride Month)

Mayor Burchell read a declaration proclaiming and recognizing June 2019 as LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Pride month in Ironwood.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Discuss and consider approval and acceptance of the USDA Rural Development Grant Agreement for the purchase of a Public Safety Vehicle and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign same.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve and accept the USDA Rural Development Grant Agreement for the purchase of a Public Safety Vehicle and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider authorizing the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger for the Ironwood Public Safety Department from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$25,436.00.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to authorize the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger for the Ironwood Public Safety Department from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$25,436.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #019-011 application for funding for Superior Mobile Canning, LLC through Northern Initiatives for the City of Ironwood CDBG Revolving Loan Funds in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #019-011 application for funding for Superior Mobile Canning, LLC through Northern Initiatives for the City of Ironwood CDBG Revolving Loan Funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 and eliminate the words "within the City of Ironwood". Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No. 519, Book 5, an ordinance to amend Article 1. Marihuana Establishments, Sec. 36-6 changing the sunset date to the January 13, 2020 Ironwood City Commission Meeting.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to approve Ordinance No. 519, Book 5, an ordinance to amend Article 1. Marihuana Establishments, Sec. 36-6 changing the sunset date to the January 13, 2020 Ironwood City Commission Meeting as modified changing the dates to today and for publication. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and consider awarding the lowest bid to Binz Brothers Well Drilling for Well Rehabilitation of Well #101 in the amount of \$37,201.00.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to award the lowest bid to Binz Brothers Well Drilling for Well Rehabilitation of Well #101 in the amount of \$37,201.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #1 (Time Extension) for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Project.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Change Order #1 (Time Extension) for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and consider authorizing Pay Application #1 for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Project to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$51,948.68.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize the pay application #1 for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Project to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$51,948.68. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- P. Discuss and consider authorizing advertisement to bid for the removal and sale of miscellaneous scrap iron and metal from the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to authorize advertisement to bid for the removal and sale of miscellaneous scrap and metal from the Department of Public Works (DPW).

- Q. Discuss and consider waiving all Vendor Fees for the 2019 Festival Ironwood.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to waive all Vendor Fees for the 2019 Festival Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- R. Discuss and consider approval of proposal from Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, P.L.L.C. to conduct the City's annual audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2021 & 2022 with the option to extend two additional years.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the proposal from Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, P.L.L.C. to conduct the City's annual audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2021 & 2022 with the option to extend two additional years. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- S. Discuss and Consider granting a request for a "Special Event Water Rate" for the 2019 Gogebic County Fair to be held August 8-11, 2019.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to grant a request for a "Special Event Water Rate" for the 2019 Gogebic County Fair to be held August 8-11, 2019. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- T. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #019-012 amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to adopt Resolution #019-012 amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- U. Discuss and consider approving Resolution #019-013 transferring delinquent invoices for ordinance violations to the July 2019 City Tax Roll.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #019-013 transferring delinquent invoices for ordinance violations to the July 2019 City Tax Roll. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

V. Manager's Report.

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

- *The Civic Center insurance adjuster and their structural engineer continue to work toward finalizing their report establishing a bid spec and bid process for repairs to the Civic Center Roof.
- *The Waupaca Foundry building construction in the Industrial Park is continuing to move along.
- *Demolition of 10 blighted resident structures and one commercial structure (Ayer Street collapsed building) are in various stages of activity.
- *Ruotsala Construction has started the remaining two blocks (Francis and Lawrence Streets west of Lowell Street) of the water and sewer main construction under the Phase 4 USDA Rural Development Project.
- *The 2019 pavement striping is currently underway. The pavement striping should be completed later this week.
- *A City Commission work session to review water quality concerns is being scheduled for 4:00 p.m., July 8, 2019 before the next City Commission Meeting.

City Staff encouraged residents to contact the City Water Department so they can follow up on the issue and try to figure out a solution.

W. Other Matters.

Commissioner Corcoran requested to be excused from the next regular City Commission Meeting on the 8th.

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

X. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk