

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the Auditorium, First Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo 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 July 22nd.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019.

b. Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2019.

*3) Designate City Manager, Scott Erickson as MML Convention Delegate, with alternate official being Commissioner Kim Corcoran.

***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 Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to amend the agenda moving item H.*

AUDIENCE to D1. and add Item D2. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Re: Water), along with changing Item N. to (FINAL) Pay Application, Item U. to (FINAL) Pay Package, and tabling Item M until the next regular City Commission meeting.

D1. AUDIENCE: John Holland, Water Circuit Rider, Michigan Rural Water Association (MI Rural Water Association Update), and other State Agencies

John Holland, a Water Circuit Rider with the Michigan Rural Water Association stated he had inspected the city's water system and found nothing out of the ordinary but did note a few minor items to improve efficiencies. He further stated that the State of Michigan does not require testing of Iron and Manganese currently. Mr. Holland also added that there are different ways of measuring phosphates and suggested the City of Ironwood use a scale instead of hand measuring. Another suggestion from Mr. Holland was to flush more often.

Tom Flaminio from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) also addressed the City Commission and audience regarding the water issue and stated that he is the regulatory contact through the State for the City of Ironwood. He further stated based on the public's concerns additional testing was performed for manganese. Mr. Flaminio mentioned that the only way you would be able to effectively remove the manganese from the water would be to get a water treatment facility. Mr. Flaminio added that the City of Ironwood has upgraded and replaced a significant amount of its watermain infrastructure already.

D2. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Re: Water)

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street among others expressed his dismay with the whole process and felt the City of Ironwood should have requested testing before on the wells.

Tom Flaminio responded and stated the City of Ironwood does do testing according to State Standards.

Savannah Campbell of 421 Kennedy Street and Michael Johnson of 515 N. Curry Street expressed their concerns for their children because of the discolored water and the safety of drinking the water.

Linda Fisher, a toxicologist with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, said the EPA health advisory recommended that infants less than six months old not drink tap water with more than 300 parts per billion (ppb) of manganese and as a precaution the State of Michigan increased the advisory to twelve months of age. She further stated as far as older children and adults the levels are at 1,000 ppb.

Other residents also expressed their concerns with the elderly and people with compromised immune systems. Ms. Fisher stated she was not aware of any research but would look into the topic. She also noted the water was safe to bathe in. Additional comments were received.

City Manager Erickson reviewed with the City Commission and audience outlining what the City of Ironwood is currently doing pursuant to State recommendations, which included additional testing through EGLE, adjusting polyphosphate rates, cleaning storage tanks, spot flushing preparing a request for proposal (RFP) to hire an Engineering firm who specializes in water quality and water filtration, revisit USDA funding, and notify the public. Further discussion of this matter took place.

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.
2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

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

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

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street commented on item W. stating the City of Ironwood should not be in the rental business. Additional comments were received.

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

Gene Henning, of 148 E. Southland Avenue requested the City of Ironwood do something about the speed on Cloverland Drive and the noise from the motorcycles and diesel trucks.

Paul Grbavcich, of 1221 E. Leonard Street expressed his dismay with the Florence Street drainage ditch, culverts, and Pioneer Parks marijuana smell.

Rachel Wood, of 135 W. Ridge Street addressed the City Commission also regarding the stench from the marijuana smell and wanted to know if there was anything the City could do.

City Manager Erickson informed Ms. Wood that there is an upcoming work session regarding the adult use marijuana ordinance and the steps the City is taking to hopefully help with the nuisance smells. Additional comments were received.

- H. AUDIENCE: John Holland, Water Circuit Rider, Michigan Rural Water Association (MI Rural Water Association Update), and other State Agencies

This item was moved to D1.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for the 2019 Local Street Paving Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to award the bid for the 2019 Local Street Paving Project to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$164,925.03. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider approving Pay Application #1 (Final) to Pitlik & Wick, LLC for the 2019 Street Crack Sealing Project in the amount of \$66,481.78.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Pay Application #1 (Final) to Pitlik & Wick, LLC for the 2019 Street Crack Sealing Project in the amount of \$66,481.78. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider approving Change Order #1 (Balancing) to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2019 Pavement Striping Project in the amount of \$688.26.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the Change Order #1 (Balancing) to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2019 Pavement Striping Project in the amount of \$688.26. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and Consider approving Pay Application #1 (Final) to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2019 Pavement Striping Project in the amount of \$28,900.76.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Pay Application #1 (Final) to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2019 Pavement Striping Project in the amount of \$28,900.76. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider approving Pay Application #1 (Partial) to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2019 Pavement Chip Sealing Project in the amount of \$123,386.56.

This item was tabled.

- N. Discuss and Consider approving Pay Application #1 (Partial) (Final) to Miller's Roof Coating for the Department of Public Works (DPW) garage roof in the amount of \$38,900.00.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded Semo to approve Pay Application #1 (Final) to Miller's Roof Coating for the Department of Public Works (DPW) garage roof in the amount of \$38,900.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and Consider approving Change Order #2 for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Construction Project to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$2,216.82.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the Change Order #2 for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Construction Project to Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$2,216.82. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- P. Discuss and Consider approving Pay Application #2 (Final) to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Construction Project in the amount of \$10,534.14.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Pay Application #2 (Final) to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the Curry Neighborhood Trail Construction Project in the amount of \$10,534.14. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Q. Discuss and Consider approval of Rural Development Change Order No. 9 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$21,532.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Rural Development Change Order No. 9 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 4 Utility Project to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$21,532.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- R. Discuss and Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$60,733.99 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 Mildren to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$60,733.99 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.*

- S. Discuss and Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$55,254.46 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 Semo to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$55,254.46 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.*

- T. Discuss and Consider approval of Change Order No. 1 for the City of Ironwood – Country Club Road 2019 Watermain Replacement Project to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of – \$846.15 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Change Order No. 1 for the City of Ironwood – Country Club Road 2019 Watermain Replacement Project to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of – \$846.15 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- U. Discuss and Consider approval of Pay Package (Final) in the amount of \$47,279.00 for the City of Ironwood – Country Club Road 2019 Watermain Replacement Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Pay Package (Final) in the amount of \$47,279.00 for the City of Ironwood – Country Club Road 2019 Watermain Replacement Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- V. Discuss and Consider Resolution #019-014 Mayor's Proclamation recognizing "Suicide Prevention Week".

Pat Gallinagh, an advocate for Suicide Prevention addressed the City Commission and asked for a show of hands of how many people knew someone who died from suicide. Several individuals raised their hands. He further stated that 45,000 Americans die each year from suicide. He encouraged everyone to view the quilts in the foyer to remember those who were lost to suicide. Additional comments were received.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to adopt Resolution #019-014 Mayor's Proclamation recognizing "Suicide Prevention Week September 8th – 14th". Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- W. Discuss and Consider authorizing City Staff and City Attorney to re-negotiate and renew the lease with the Government Services Administration (GSA) for rental space at the Memorial Building and authorize City Manager and City Clerk to sign same.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize City Staff and the City Attorney to re-negotiate and renew the lease with the Government Services Administration (GSA) for rental space at the Memorial Building and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- X. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #019-015 a resolution to enter into a contract with MDOT for the work along Country Club Road from Highway US2 to Ayer Street, and along Ayer Street from Lake Street to Lowell Street and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign same (Contract No. 19-5416).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #019-015 a resolution to enter into a contract with MDOT for the work along Country Club Road from Highway US2 to Ayer Street, and along Ayer Street from Lake Street to Lowell Street and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign same (Contract No. 19-5416). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Y. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Burchell appointed Mary Grace Loreti to the unexpired term of Marion True (term expiring June 30, 2020) on the Park and Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mary Grace Loreti for the unexpired term (term expiring June 30, 2022) on the Park and Recreation Committee.

- Z. Manager's Report

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

- *City Manager Erickson thanked the Public Safety and First Responders and all the different agencies such as the City of Hurley and State Police for a job well done.
- *The Civic Center insurance adjuster and their project manager are working on the installation of a temporary dome cover over the Civic Center Ice facility for this coming year.
- *A work session is planned for 4 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019 at the Ironwood Memorial Building to review the status of the draft commercial marijuana ordinance.
- *Three (3) of the blighted residents houses under the Hardest Hit Blight Grant have been demolished. The locations are 501 Leonard Street, 113 South Range Road, and 419 Suffolk Street. The remaining seven (7) blighted houses will continue to be demolished over the next few weeks.

*The fall City clean up day is being scheduled for the September/October time frame.

AA. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren appreciated the recent open house that the Gogebic Community College had for the new welding center. Additional comments were received.

BB. Consider Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations with Ironwood Public Safety Officers Association affiliated with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to enter into closed session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss contract negotiations with the Ironwood Public Safety Officers Association affiliated with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

CC. Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to return to open session at 7:50 P.M.

DD. Discuss and Consider ratification of Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.) collective bargaining agreement.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to ratify the Police Officers Association of Michigan (P.O.A.M.) collective bargaining agreement as noted in the tentative agreement. The agreement included a three (3) year contract which includes a 2.5% wage adjustment for the first year, a 2% for the second year and a 2% for the third year retroactive to August 1, 2019, in addition to other terms, along with authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to make the changes as identified in the tentative agreement. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

EE. Adjournment.

Motion was made Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk