

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held by a Zoom Webinar on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 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 Minutes of July 27th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of August 3rd.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

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)

There were none.

G. PRESENTATION: Community Development Director Tom Bergman
(RE: Update of Comprehensive Plan and Planning Commission – Annual Report)

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted as part of the Redevelopment Ready Community Program, the City of Ironwood is required to do an Annual Report of the activities of the Planning Commission as well as a review of the current status of the Comprehensive Plan. A review of the plan allows the City of Ironwood to evaluate the necessity of updating other aspects of the plan. He further noted the Planning Commission met 9 times and the zoning ordinance update is in progress. Further discussion of the annual report took place with itemization of all the completed and park action projects.

It was also noted that the Planning Commission has approved the Annual Report and recommends the City Commission approve the Plan and place it on file. Once the report has been approved it will be presented to MEDC for the Redevelopment Ready Community Program.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve the Planning Commission's Annual Report and receive and place it on file. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

H. UPATE: COVID-19 Response

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio addressed the City Commission stating we are still seeing community-wide spread. Director DiGiorgio also noted that the Western U.P. Health Department and the National Guard will be doing community testing at no cost, down at the Public Safety Department on Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted the Michigan Restart Program ended last week with 40 businesses from Ironwood applying. His department has been busy compiling the information and passing it along to the review committee, which is WUPPDR, MIWORKS, and INVEST UP.

Finance Director Paul Linn informed the City Commission the City of Ironwood has applied for three (3) grants through the State of Michigan utilizing federal Cares Act funding. He also noted that the City of Ironwood had received the June Act 51 revenue. The amount received was in-line with the State of Michigan's reduced estimate. Mr. Linn explained that the upcoming August revenue sharing payment will be different than expected. The Governor approved replacing the August statutory revenue sharing for cities, villages, and townships with federal CARES Act dollars. The August constitutional revenue sharing will remain the same. Further discussion of this matter took place.

City Manager Erickson also mentioned on Thursday, August 20th there will be a zoom webinar with the schools and the City will be getting additional information out to the public once it has been confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider approving Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) Certification of Contract between Private, Non-Profit Hospital and State/Local Government to provide health care services to low income individuals and the 340B Health Care Services Contract with Aspirus Ironwood Hospital.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve and place on file the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) Certification of Contract between Private, Non-Profit Hospital and State/Local Government to provide health care services to low income individuals and the 340B Health Care Services Contract with Aspirus Ironwood Hospital. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for 3,000 tons of 22A road gravel, 1,500 tons of street sand, and 1,000 tons of ditch sand.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to authorize advertisement to bid for 3,000 tons of 22A road gravel, 1,500 tons of street sand, and 1,000 tons of ditch sand. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement for bids for a three (3) year contract for grass mowing and trimming at the Riverside Cemetery and City Parks.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to authorize advertisement for bids for a three (3) year contract for grass mowing and trimming at the Riverside Cemetery and City Parks. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss status of City compost site operations.

A brief discussion took place regarding developing a committee to review and develop a City of Ironwood compost site policy. City Manager Erickson requested two (2) City Commissioners be a part of these discussions.

Commissioner Corcoran and Commissioner Semo volunteered to be on the committee to review and develop a compost site policy.

- M. Manager's Report.

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

- *He thanked the City Clerk's Office and the Election workers that participated in the election during the COVID-19 challenges. City Clerk Karen Gullan also thanked the election workers for a job well done.
- *The Civic Center structural steel is up, and the contractors will be working on closing in the building.
- *The Civic Center Board will be meeting with the dasher board company tomorrow on-site.
- *The environmental remediation of the two blighted commercial buildings on McLeod Avenue is near completion. The final site restoration will occur once the final debris has been removed from the site.
- *The Downtown Square project contractor is currently working on the above grade sidewalks, retaining wall locations and bandshell site area.
- *The City Water Department has scheduled their fall water main flushing starting the week of September 20th.
- *As a COVID-19 preventive measure, the installation of non-contact touchless water faucets at the Memorial Building has been completed. The plumbing contractor is currently working on finishing up with the rest of the City of Ironwood facilities.
- *Angelo Luppino Construction will be starting the Downtown Alley paving project this week. They will be milling the existing alley surfaces downtown to prepare them for an asphalt overlay.

*Census worker training is currently taking place at the Memorial Building. Everyone is encouraged to fill out a census form, as it is critical for our area residents to be counted for federal and state program funding.

N. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo questioned City Staff on the ice making equipment at the Civic Center, filtration plant funding, and the completion date of the Downtown City Square Project.

Commissioner Mildren again noted how nice the Iron Belle Trail was and how it has been extended to Ramsay, Michigan. He thanked the communities for their continued support of the Iron Belle Trail.

O. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk