

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held in the Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium and by a Zoom Webinar on Monday, October 12, 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 September 14<sup>th</sup>

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of September 8th.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Jeff Behrendt, of 637 Florence Street addressed the City Commission and reviewed the proposed Off-Road Motorized Trail Routes marked in red. Mr. Behrendt also mentioned representatives from the Aurora Club went out and talked with everyone along the trail to gain their support and signatures. Additional comments were received.

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

None.

G. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio noted the Governor's orders were found invalid, but everyone should continue to follow the Department of Health's requirements of wearing masks and social distancing. Director DiGiorgio also noted there are currently 20 cases in Gogebic County.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission stating the City is in the process of transitioning to actual downtown events. The next “First Friday” in November will be in person to help bring people to area downtown businesses during the event.

Finance Director Paul Linn noted that the State of Michigan is conducting a series of webinars on reporting the funds from the Cares Act. Mr. Linn also mentioned the water assistance program funding was recently approved by the Department of Health and Human Services and Gogebic County will receive approximately \$34,000.00 to pay for water and sewer arrearages for eligible customers.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

H. Consider approval of Change Order No. 2 (subject to MEDC approval) for the City of Ironwood – Downtown Square Project to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$60,512.85 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve Change Order No. 2 (subject to MEDC approval) for the City of Ironwood – Downtown Square Project to Ruotsala Construction, LLC in the amount of \$60,512.85 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Consider approval of Contractors Application for Payment No. 4 (subject to MEDC approval) in the amount of \$159,359.19 for the City of Ironwood – Downtown Square Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve Contractors Application for Payment No. 4 (subject to MEDC approval) in the amount of \$159,359.19 for the City of Ironwood – Downtown Square Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

J. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #020-016 designating Off Road Motorized Trail Routes (ORMTR) for All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Snowmobiles within the City of Ironwood.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Resolution #020-016 designating Off-Road Motorized Trail Routes (ORMTR) for All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Snowmobiles within the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and consider approving Administrative Services Agreement with MERS.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Administrative Services Agreement with MERS. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider introduction of Ordinance No. 525, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan by adding a new chapter which new chapter shall be designated as Chapter 38 of said code entitled “Municipal Civil Infractions” and schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:20 P.M.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 525, Book 5, and Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan by adding a new chapter which new chapter shall be designated as Chapter 38 of said code entitled “Municipal Civil Infractions” and schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:20 P.M.*

- M. Discuss and consider introduction of Ordinance No. 526, Book 5, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan by adding a new section to Chapter 17, Nuisances, which new sections shall be designated as sections 17-84 through 17-89 of said code (Prohibiting Offensive Odors) and schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:25 P.M.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 526, Book 5, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan by adding a new section to Chapter 17, Nuisances, which new sections shall be designated as sections 17-84 through 17-89 of said code (Prohibiting Offensive Odors) and schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:25 P.M.*

- N. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for a 2021 Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to authorize bids for a 2021 Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and consider approving engineering services agreement with Coleman Engineering for professional engineering services for the 2021 Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the engineering services agreement with Coleman Engineering for professional engineering services for the 2021 Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #020-017 scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation of Scott Gerry at 137 E. Birch Street (Tax ID #52-27-207-080).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #020-017 scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation of Scott Gerry at 137 E. Birch Street (Tax ID #52-27-207-080). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Mayor's Appointment.

*Mayor Burchell re-appointed Jerry Gullan and Mae Moderson to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board both for three (3) year terms (terms expiring October 31, 2023). Mayor Burchell also re-appointed Nancy C. Korpela to the Ironwood Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) for a six (6) year term (term expiring October 31, 2026).*

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Jerry Gullan and Mae Moderson to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board both for three (3) year terms (terms expiring October 31, 2023) and Nancy C. Korpela to the Ironwood Economic Development Corporation for a six (6) year term (term expiring October 31, 2026).*

R. Manager's Report.

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

- \*The Downtown Square Project's ribbon cutting ceremony will be during First Friday on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- \*The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center contractors are finishing up the outside and then will be working on the inside of the building.
- \*The Ironwood Tourism Council purchased Christmas ornaments for the US2 corridor.

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Corcoran thanked City Staff for setting up tonight's meeting with both Zoom and in person attendance.

Commissioner Cayer questioned City Staff regarding the hole on Lowell Street around the catch basin and when the commercial building located on McLeod owned by Gogebic County was being torn down. Assessor/Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt noted it was his understanding the building would be torn down this month. No other comments were received.

T. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk