

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held by a Zoom Webinar on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., along with two (2) public hearings at 5:20 P.M. and 5:25 P.M.

1. Mayor Burchell called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:20 P.M.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to excuse Commissioner Cayer from tonight's meeting. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Cayer (excused).

City Clerk Karen Gullan addressed the City Commission correcting Ordinance #525 to read Ordinance #528.

3. Public Hearing: To hear comment on Ordinance ~~#525~~ #528, 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 Infraction".

City Manager Scott Erickson addressed the City Commission stating the municipal civil infraction ordinance provides a "fine" system for ordinance violations, in-place of a criminal process. No additional comments were made.

4. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:26 P.M.

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1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:26 P.M.

2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on Ordinance #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 Section 17-84 through 17-89 of said Code.

City Manager Scott Erickson addressed the City Commission regarding this ordinance and stated this ordinance was to amend the current Ordinance to provide tools for the City of Ironwood to use an odor measuring device. This amendment allows for citizens and businesses to come forward to address any odor issues. No additional comments were received.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:28 P.M.

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

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 October 12<sup>th</sup>.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of 10/13/20.
- b. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) Meeting Minutes of 2/28/20, 4/23/20, 5/28/20, 6/25/20, 7/23/20, and 8/27/20.
- c. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Meeting Minutes 10/5/20.

***Motion** was made by Semo, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Mildren, and carried to approve the amended agenda changing Ordinance #525 to #528 under item J. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

E. Review and Place on File:

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

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending September 30, 2020 and the Cash and Investment Summary Report month ending September 30, 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for the month ending September 30, 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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

Jeff Barker, an attorney who represents some local folks who are trying to get their marijuana licenses, addressed the City Commission expressing his dismay with the proposed changes to the fees. He also noted that a community can only charge up to \$5,000. Additional comments were received.

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

There were none.

I. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio addressed the City Commission stating we still continue to see community spread. Director DiGiorgio urged everyone to continue to wash their hands, wear a mask, and practice social distancing. Director DiGiorgio also mentioned that Halloween Trick & Treating was moving forward and will be from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. following the Health Departments recommendations.

Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn mentioned he continues to work through the grant reimbursement process with documentation. He further noted the City of Ironwood has received all they will receive from the grant funding sources to date.

City Manager Scott Erickson also reinforced the importance of mask wearing, social distancing, and washing of our hands.

#### OLD BUSINESS

J. Discuss and Consider approving Ordinance ~~#525~~ #528, 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 Infraction”.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Ordinance #528, 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 3338 of said Code entitled “Municipal Civil Infraction”. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider approving Ordinance #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 Section 17-84 through 17-89 of said Code.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Ordinance #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 Section 17-84 through 17-89 of said Code. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #020-019 a resolution correcting figure 1 in Chapter 37 “Marihuana Establishments” Ordinance.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to adopt Resolution #020-019 a resolution correcting figure 1 in Chapter 37 “Marihuana Establishments” Ordinance. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and consider the sale of two (2) metal map drawers for \$1.00 to the Ironwood Historical Society from the Memorial Building surplus property list.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the sale of two (2) metal map drawers for \$1.00 to the Ironwood Historical Society from the Memorial Building surplus property list. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

N. Discuss and consider approval of the Gogebic Range Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Gogebic Range Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Discuss and consider declaring surplus public works department property and authorize sale.

*Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to declare surplus public works department property and authorize it for sale. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

P. Discuss and consider introduction of Ordinance No. 527, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Sections 37-4(c) and 37-6(a), 37-6(c)(3), and 37-6(f) of Chapter 37 of the Code of ordinances, City of Ironwood, MI entitled “Marihuana Establishments” and schedule a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:20 P.M.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to introduce Ordinance No. 527, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Sections 37-4(c) and 37-6(a), 37-6(c)(3), and 37-6(f) of Chapter 37 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, MI entitled “Marihuana Establishments” and schedule a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:20 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Discuss and consider extension of General Services Administration (GSA) lease for an additional three (3) year period for rental space located in the Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette Street and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign same.

*Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the extension of General Services Administration (GSA) lease for the Social Security Office space located in the Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette Street for an additional three (3) year period and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Manager’s Report.

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

- \*The Civic Center construction is continuing with both outside and inside work. The contractor has provided temporary heat in the building allowing the internal masonry work to continue.
- \*The Downtown City Square Project is wrapping up with punch list items being completed. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled as a part of the First Friday event for Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

\*Gogebic County is continuing with the removal of the blighted commercial building at 226 McLeod Avenue.

\*Santa's Headquarters will be held at the Bessemer VFW and will be drive up type event due to COVID.

\*The Ironwood City Clerk's office will be open this coming Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. for Absentee Voter Ballots.

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren commented on how very important Santa's Headquarters and people making donations is and how it shows people care about our area children.

Mayor Burchell informed everyone that the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs granted 9 million dollars toward the arts. She further noted the Downtown Art Place received a \$15,000.00 and the Theatre received a \$12,500.00 operational support grant. Additional comments were received.

T. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk