

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held by a Zoom Webinar on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., along with a public hearing at 5:20 P.M.

1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:20 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 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”.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission stating the reason for the Ordinance was two part, one was to clarify the license fee and the second was to describe the role of City Staff in the application process.

Mayor Burchell requested clarification as to the fees. City Attorney Tim Dean weighed in and stated the application fee would not exceed \$1,500, along with a nonrefundable Marihuana Establishment annual license fee that would not exceed \$5,000 total as stated (including the application fee in the first year), as stated in the Ordinance.

Jeff Barker, an attorney who represents some local folks who are trying to get their marihuana licenses thanked Mayor Burchell for clarifying the fees and thanked everyone who worked on the development of this ordinance.

4. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:26 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 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 October 26th.

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 Mildren, seconded by Corcoran, and carried 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. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

City Manager Erickson noted there was no financial changes or community development changes with COVID-19. Manager Erickson also mentioned that the Western UP Health Department is at capacity and currently are focusing on the 65 and older residents. The positivity rate is 15.4% in Gogebic County.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio mentioned that our community has full blown community widespread which is higher than the peak positivity numbers recorded downstate.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and consider approving 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".

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve 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".

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

No (1): Commissioner Cayer.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Discuss and consider approving Iron Belle Trail challenge Grant for Iron Belle Trail historic interpretive signs.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Iron Belle Trail challenge Grant for Iron Belle Trail historic interpretive signs. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #020-020, a resolution amending City Commission Rules to Govern Electronic Meetings.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve Resolution #020-020, a resolution amending City Commission Rules to Govern Electronic Meetings. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and consider approving 1-year property lease agreement with Up-N-Smoke BBQ, LLC (Nathanial Price, Owner) for use of vacant City owned property located at 238 Ayer Street, Ironwood, MI.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve a 1-year property lease agreement with Up-N-Smoke BBQ, LLC (Nathanial Price, Owner) for use of vacant City owned property located at 238 Ayer Street, Ironwood, MI.*

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

No (1): Commissioner Cayer.

***Motion** carried on a 4 to 1 vote.*

L. Manager's Report.

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

*The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Project continues to move forward.

*Downtown City Square Ribbon Cutting ceremony took place last Friday, November 6th.

*Gogebic County continues with the demolition of the building located on McLeod Avenue.

*City Surplus Property is currently available for sale for some Memorial Building items and Department of Public Works equipment. Mr. Erickson noted more information was available on the City of Ironwood website.

M. Other Matters.

The City Commission loved the ceremony down at the Downtown City Square and thanked City Staff for their efforts during the ribbon cutting on Friday, November 6th.

Commissioner Cayer questioned City Staff on the water funding project. City Manager Erickson stated City Staff would be updating the City Commission on grant/loan funding proposals before the next couple of City Commission meetings during a work session.

N. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M.
Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk