

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held by a Zoom Webinar on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., along with a Work Session at 5:00 P.M.

A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

The following members who were in attendance indicated the physical location from which they were remotely participating in the meeting was as follows: Commissioner Cayer (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), Commissioner Corcoran (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), Commissioner Mildren (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), Commissioner Semo (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), and Mayor Burchell (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan).
Absent: None.

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 December 28th.

*2) Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution #021-001.

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 Mildren, seconded by Cayer 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.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio addressed the City Commission giving an update on the vaccine roll out of the COVID-19 immunizations. Public Safety Director DiGiorgio noted the Western U.P. Health Department administered 270 vaccines today in the Memorial Building Auditorium. He also urged everyone to continue to wash their hands, practice social distancing, and wear a mask.

Finance Director Paul Linn addressed the City Commission stating that the City of Ironwood applied for a Public Safety Public Health Payroll Program Grant in the amount of \$198,024.17 for the Public Safety payroll/benefit expenses for April and May. Applications across the State exceeded the \$200 million available through this program. Grant awards were prorated to approximately 66% of eligible expenses. The City's prorated grant is \$131,458.79.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman updated the City Commission regarding the 900 Billion that was recently passed by Congress to be implemented through the payroll protection program for businesses who have not applied for anything before. Mr. Bergman also noted that on Wednesday it will then open for businesses for those who had applied previously. He mentioned that Governor Whitmer has also secured funds for the Survival Grant being administered through the MI Strategic Fund. This grant will be a quick turnaround of 4 or 5 days to apply. Community Development Director Bergman urged area businesses if they do not have access to apply online, they should contact the Community Development Office for help.

City Manager Erickson mentioned that he is waiting to hear about the upcoming orders for any changes to the current State of Michigan restrictions.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider placing on file the City Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

(**CITY AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE CITY WEBSITE-www.cityofironwood.org **).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to place on file the City Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

I. Discuss and Consider approving Balancing Change Order for the 2019 Local Street Paving Program with Angelo Luppino, Inc.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the Balancing Change Order in the amount of \$20,816.88 for the 2019 Local Street Paving Program with Angelo Luppino, Inc. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

J. Discuss and Consider approving Pay Application #4 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2019 Local Street Paving Program in the amount of \$20,816.88.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Pay Application #5, not #4 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2019 Local Street Paving Program in the amount of \$23,863.67, not \$20,816.88. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and Consider City of Ironwood leave time for COVID-19 related illness/exposure.

The City Commission requested City Staff to bring back a proposal after talking with other communities.

No action was taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

L. Discuss and consider adopting policy #2021-001 Policy of Non-Discrimination on Basis of Handicap.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to adopt policy #2021-001 Policy of Non-Discrimination on Basis of Handicap. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Discuss and consider Resolution #021-002 to comply with the provisions of PA 152.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo adopting Resolution #021-002 to comply with the provisions of PA 152. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Mayor's appointment.

Mayor Burchell reappointed Sam Davey and Nancy Korpela to the Planning Commission for another three (3) year term (terms expiring December 31, 2023).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Sam Davey and Nancy Korpela to the Planning Commission for another three (3) year term (terms expiring December 31, 2023).

O. Manager's Report.

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

*Finance Director Paul Linn has been working on creating a schedule for the budget process. with Goal Setting being a part of it.

*Staff has been working on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

*Department of Public Works (DPW) will be working this week on the 16" old water main to fix a leak.

P. Other Matters.

There were none.

Q. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 P.M.
Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk