

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

A. Mayor Burchell called the Public Hearing and meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., as a remote participation meeting as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Commissioner Mildren, Commissioner Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

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.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of January 11th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021.
- b. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021.
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020, September 3, 2020, October 1, 2020, and November 5, 2020.
- d. Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020, October 5, 2020, November 2, 2020, and December 7, 2020.

Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Corcoran to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the January 11th City Commission Meeting minutes correcting who made the motions under items C being Cayer and Corcoran and item D being Corcoran and Cayer. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the agenda as presented. 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 Cayer to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending December 31, 2020 and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for December 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for December 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

I. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

A moment of silence was given for those who were lost in our community to COVID-19.

Finance Director Paul Linn addressed the City Commission noting that the State of Michigan held its January Consensus and updated the fiscal year 2021 revenue estimates. The State is estimating an increase in sales tax revenue when comparing to the August Consensus. Treasury will update the direct revenue sharing estimates for municipalities later this month.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted his department had wrapped up the Michigan Survival Grant last Friday. The Upper Peninsula received 800 applicants and once we receive the list of businesses who applied from our area, they will be reviewed for completeness by Tom Bergman, Ironwood CD Director, Bessemer City Manager Charly Loper, and City of Wakefield City Manager Robert Brown and passed on to Invest U.P.. Community Development Director Bergman also noted, through the Michigan Survival Grant, there is a Live Venue Grant of up to \$40,000.00 each that the theatres will only have one week to apply for. In addition to these grants there were grants for employees effected by COVID-19, Paycheck Protection Programs through local banks, and possibly another stimulus package to be given out by Congress. Mr. Bergman urged area businesses, if they need help, to contact him.

Public Safety Lieutenant Adam Clemens addressed the City Commission stating Gogebic County continues to roll out vaccinations and have administered 2,000 doses through Gogebic County. He also noted the positive cases have declined to 47.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for rehabilitation of Municipal Well #203.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize bids for the rehabilitation of Municipal Well #203. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for 2021 Street Pavement Markings.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize bids for 2021 Street Pavement Markings. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

L. Mayor's Appointment.

Mayor Burchell appointed Mike Wieneri to the expired term of Bob Burchell (term expiring December 31, 2023) on the Board of Review and Scott Bissell to the already expired term of Bob Burchell (term expiring December 31, 2022) on the Ironwood Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mike Wieneri to the Board of Review (term expiring December 31, 2023) and Scott Bissell to the Ironwood Planning Commission (term expiring December 31, 2022). Unanimously passed by roll call vote

M. Manager's Report.

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

- *Recognized Department of Public Safety and everyone who helped during the recent fire downtown, they did an excellent job in containing it.
- *The Department of Public Works repaired a water break on Sunnyside today and will be working on the 16" main to repair a leak tomorrow.
- *The dasher boards are being put in at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.
- *City Staff has been working on the six (6) year Capital Improvement Plan, which will be going to the Planning Commission for approval.
- *A work session will be scheduled for February 8th to discuss COVID-19 leave.
- *The budget process will begin shortly with the City Commission and will start off with a work session scheduled for February 22nd for Goal Setting with the final Goal Setting work session on March 8th.

N. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo questioned City Staff regarding the park located on the north side of the highway. Community Development Director Tom Bergman replied by noting the project is still moving forward, but the Park & Recreation Commission would like to prioritize the park needs for new equipment and where future parks should be located. Additional comments were received.

O. Discuss and Consider closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h).

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) at 6:13 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

P. Return to Open Session.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to return to Open Session at 6:46 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Discuss and Consider filling City Clerk's position upon retirement.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to authorize City Staff to create qualifications and post the City Clerk's position internally and externally. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk