

Proceeding of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 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 were 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 January 25th.

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 Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the amended agenda to include item G1. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response. 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. PRESENTATION: Andrew DiGiorgio, Public Safety Director
(RE: Year End Report Ironwood Public Safety Dept./Gogebic Iron Area Narcotics Team (GIANT)).

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio addressed the City Commission reviewing with them his 2020 Year End Report. The City Commission thanked Director DiGiorgio for his report and all the information. Additional comments were received.

G1. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio noted the vaccine has been rolling out in Gogebic County and noted if anyone 65 and older needs an appointment they should call Aspirus Grand View at 844-568-0701 or the Western U.P. Health Department at 667-0200.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman informed the City Commission the Survival Grant had wrapped up and he is waiting for the next package of grant funding to be announced. There were approximately 13 businesses from our area who will receive grant funds, which is down from the last grant funding round.

Finance Director Paul Linn mentioned the City of Ironwood was chosen for additional monitoring of our Public Safety Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program Grant application. The requested information has been submitted to Treasury. Mr. Linn stated he would also keep the City Commission apprised of anything new on the financial side of things.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider approving the six-year (2021-2027) City of Ironwood Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
(*SIX YEAR (2021-2027) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE & ON THE CITY OF IRONWOOD'S WEBSITE AT <http://cityofironwood.org/community-development/>*)

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve the six-year (2021-2027) City of Ironwood Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

I. Discuss and Consider request from 223 S. Curry Street to waive late penalty fee for summer taxes.

No action was taken on this item.

J. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for fencing in Miners' Memorial Heritage Park and fencing around the Jessieville elevated water storage tank.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to authorize bids for fencing in Miners' Memorial Heritage Park and fencing around the Jessieville elevated water storage tank. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for the installation of a children's play structure north of US 2 (Lowell St./Midland).

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to authorize bids for the installation of a children's play structure north of US 2 (Lowell St./Midland). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and consider approving payment deferral request from the Historic Ironwood Theatre Board.

***Motion** was made by Cayer, seconded by Corcoran to approve payment deferral request from the Historic Ironwood Theatre Board. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and consider authorizing 2021 pavement chip seal project to be included with the Gogebic County chip seal project bids.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to authorize 2021 pavement chip seal project to be included with the Gogebic County chip seal project bids.*

ROLL CALL:

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

No (1): Commissioner Cayer.

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

N. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for 2021 pavement mill/overlay project.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to authorize bids for the 2021 pavement mill/overlay project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

OLD BUSINESS

O. Discuss and consider COVID-19 sick time policy for City employees.

The City Commission requested the City Staff bring back a proposal for them to review on this matter, along with the cost.

P. Consider approval of Contractors Application for Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$4,890.07 for the City of Ironwood – Downtown Square Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to approve the Contractors Application for Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$4,890.07 for the City of Ironwood – Downtown Square Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Mayor's appointment

Mayor Burchell appointed Michael Meyer to the already expired six (6) year term of Velda Sclafani on the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) (term expiring October 31, 2026).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Michael Meyer to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) (term expiring October 31, 2026).*

R. Manager's Report.

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

- *Pat O'Donnell Civic Center is moving toward completion at the end of the month.
- *Pavement Marking Project is currently out for bid.
- *Mt. Bike Trail Project is also out for bid.
- *USDA Rural Development continues to work with the City of Ironwood in an effort to secure funding for a Water Treatment Plant.
- *Public Works Department will be pulling snow on US2 on Wednesday and finishing up on Friday morning.

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren commented on the historic point of view from the Colonial to when the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center became a reality. He said the past leaders of Ironwood stated Ironwood deserves a fantastic skating rink and now we have a brand new Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.

Commissioner Semo and Commissioner Corcoran noted how nice it was to receive the e-mail on the many improvements being made down at the depot building. They also noted what an historic, unique, and special gem the depot is in our community.

Mayor Burchell added people are the heart of our community and there are so many volunteers and generous people.

T. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk