

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, February 22, 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 Lamar, Aransas County, State of Texas), and Mayor Burchell (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan).

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 of February 8, 2021.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood City Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2021
- b. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021.
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2020 & January 7, 2021.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer 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. 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 January 31, 2021 and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for January 2021. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for January 2021. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

Steve Harma and Kathy Harma, of 503 W. Cloverland Dr., Ironwood, Michigan questioned the City Commission regarding what is being done about the storage of port-a-potties on the corner of Walnut and US2.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman replied and stated the City of Ironwood is in the middle of the enforcement process. Further discussion of this matter took place.

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 noted the Western UP Health Department has given out 4,000 doses of the vaccine. He also stated that Tuesday the Western UP Health Department has scheduled another 350 vaccines. Director DiGiorgio urged everyone to attend the Facebook live event on Thursday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. During the Facebook live event the community leaders along with Aspirus Grand View Hospital and Western UP Health Department will discuss the future vaccine distribution and what can be expected.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman informed the City Commission the Survival Grant had wrapped up and 14 businesses in our area received funding. Mr. Bergman encouraged businesses to apply for the payroll protection program that is still available. He also urged businesses to call the Community Development Department if they need assistance.

Finance Director Paul Linn noted there is a local government federal package moving through the house committee that could mean direct dollars for City governments.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for Ironwood Memorial Building and Mausoleum Building Tuck Pointing Project.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to authorize bids for the Ironwood Memorial Building and Mausoleum Building Tuck Pointing Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #021-003 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Agreement for the Curry Park Improvements Phase 2 Project.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to adopt Resolution #021-003 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Agreement for the Curry Park Improvements Phase 2 Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and consider Resolution #021-006 approving the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for the period October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024 and authorizing Annette Burchell, Mayor and Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk to sign contract.

- I (**STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**)

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adopt Resolution #021-006 approving the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for the period October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024 and authorize Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor and Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk to sign contract. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- M. Discuss and consider authorizing signature for the USDA Rural Development Letter of Intent for the City of Ironwood Water Treatment Plant Project.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to authorize signature for the USDA Rural Development Letter of Intent for the City of Ironwood Water Treatment Plant Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and consider COVID-19 Sick Time Options.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to make no changes to the current policy.

ROLL CALL:

Yes (3): Commissioner Mildren, Cayer, and Mayor Burchell.
No (2): Commissioner Corcoran and Semo.

Motion carried on a 3 to 2 vote.

- O. Manager's appointment.

City Manager Erickson appointed James Peterson to an expired five (5) year term on the Ironwood Housing Commission (term expiring June 30, 2024).

Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Mildren to approve the City Manager's appointment of James Peterson to the Ironwood Housing Commission (term expiring June 30, 2024). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

P. Manager's Report.

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

*The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center is coming along nicely and will be doing the final walk through in the next couple of weeks.

*The following projects are out for bids: Pavement Striping, Miners' Park Fencing Project, 2021 Water & Sewer Project, Tuck Pointing (West & South Wall of the Memorial Building), Entrance Signs on US 2, Playground Equipment (Midland/Lowell St.), and NEP Neighborhood Enhancement Project (2 homes).

*MDNR approved going out to bid for Mountain Bike Trail Project.

Q. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren questioned City Staff regarding the frost levels over the past two (2) weeks.

R. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Cayer, seconded by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk