

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Burchell addressed the City Commission to ask that Commissioner Semo be excused from tonight's meeting.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to excuse Commissioner Semo from tonight's meeting. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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), and Mayor Burchell (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan). Absent: Commissioner Semo.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Mildren, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: Commissioner Semo.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2021 and March 1, 2021.

b. Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021.

***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 Cayer, seconded by Corcoran 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 none.

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

Kevin Benner, of 15 Newport Heights addressed the City Commission regarding the neighborhood's concerns about the blight located at 39 Newport Heights. He stated that many organizations have been contacted about this property from animal control to adult issues. He also felt the values of homes in the Ironwood area were finally going up and others in his neighborhood do not want to invest any more money because they feel their property will depreciate due to the disrepair and blight at this address. Additional comments were received.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission stating he will work with the Code Enforcement Officer and get back to Mr. Benner regarding this matter.

G. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

Finance Director Paul Linn noted that the Michigan Municipal League gave an update today regarding the Senate's approval of the American Rescue Plan, which includes direct funding to local governments. While the amount to be received by the City of Ironwood is unknown at this time, it appears that 50% of the funding will be received in 2021, with the remaining 50% to be received in 2022. He further noted that the Department of Treasury will be issuing guidance on the eligible uses of these funds.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman is waiting to see what the package will be for small businesses in our area. He noted the paycheck protection program was still available for small businesses.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio stated there has been a decrease in COVID-19 cases and his department has been busy working with our local Health Department to get out more vaccines. He noted there is a shot clinic scheduled at the Memorial Building on Friday for upwards of 600 shots.

City Manager Erickson stated virtual meetings will go until the end of March, unless there is an emergency order extending them. At the next meeting, the City Commission will have to decide if they would like to continue to hold meetings virtual or in person.

**OLD BUSINESS**

H. Discuss and Consider approving Civic Center Board recommendation for the purchase of new concession area furnishings at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve the Civic Center Board recommendation for the purchase of new concession area furnishings for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center from Webstaurantstore.com in the amount of \$16,910.72. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and consider introduction of Ordinance 530, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Sections 34-133, 34-153, 34-173, and 34-2, permitted uses by conditional use permit, Chapter 34, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan and schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:25 P.M.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve to introduce Resolution #021-007 a Resolution adopting the Ironwood Zoning Ordinance Amendment, introduce Ordinance 530, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Sections 34-133, 34-153, 34-173, and 34-2, permitted uses by conditional use permit, Chapter 34, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan, and place it on the next regular City Commission agenda on Monday, March 22, 2021 for approval.*

### ROLL CALL:

Yes (3): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, and Mayor Burchell.

No (1): Commissioner Cayer.

***Motion** carried on a 3 to 1 vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #021-004 for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Agreement for the Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Phase 2.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to adopt Resolution #021-004 for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Agreement for the Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Phase 2. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and consider approving quote for repair of generator motor at the Municipal Pump Station.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the quote for repair of the generator motor by Interstate Power Systems in the amount of \$17,372.60. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for patching and painting of Memorial Building Gymnasium.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to authorize bids for patching and painting of the Memorial Building Gymnasium. 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:

\*Road weight restrictions went on effective 3/7/2021.

\*Frost has been causing some water breaks. The DPW did a great job recently and found the

mystery leak.

\*Several projects are out for bid such as the 2021 Sewer Project, Pavement Markings, US2 Entrance Signs, Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail & Parking Lot, along with the tuck pointing at the Memorial Building and Cemetery Mausoleum.

\*City Manager Erickson received a petition of several neighbors regarding the Tula Toilets on the highway requesting that they be removed. He noted notices have been sent and the next step will be to work with the City Attorney in civil court for enforcement.

\*City will be meeting with the insurance company regarding the final walk through for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.

#### N. Other Matters.

Commissioner Cayer thanked DPW Supervisor Bob Richards and his crew for filling the potholes and fixing all the water breaks.

Commissioner Mildren asked everyone to stay tuned for the grand opening of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center. He also thanked Peg Sandin for teaching people to become artists during the First Friday event on 3/5/2021.

Commissioner Corcoran appreciates everyone's hard work in making the water treatment plant a reality.

Mayor Burchell stated we have a great community, Team Z and the many wonderful volunteers for hosting the two (2) races. It was nice to see the support from the Mukavitz family during the MukUp race which honored their friend and businessman Tony Mukavitz. Additional comments were received.

#### O. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Cayer, seconded by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk