

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., along with a regular Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M..

1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:25 P.M.

2. 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).

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

ABSENT: None.

3. Mayor Burchell opened the Public Hearing at 5:26 P.M.

4. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation of Corey and Cynthia Sandy at 39 Newport Heights S. (Parcel #52-24-178-240).

Blight Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen addressed the City Commission regarding the blight violation at 39 Newport Heights S. Mr. Alonen showed several pictures of the property and stated the homeowners had cleaned up the front yard. The backyard still had junk in it and there was an unlicensed camper in the side yard.

Kevin Benner, of 15 Newport Heights thanked the City Staff for how quickly the front yard got cleaned up.

Dan Kauppi, of 12 Newport Heights stated he has lived in the neighborhood for 26 years and has complained about this property over the years.

Aleen Fuchs, of 624 E. Bonnie also addressed the City Commission informing them that her dog was killed by the two (2) husky's that live at this property. She also stated there was approximately 10 dogs that were taken and then returned to the homeowner. Ms. Fuchs wanted an update on what transpired between animal control and the homeowner. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Joe Braspenick, of 33 Newport Heights stated for two (2) years he has been complaining about the dog waste and smell that is coming from this property. No other comments were received.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the Public Hearing at 5:45 P.M.

A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting order at 5:45 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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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 3/22/21.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) Meeting Minutes of 9/24/20, 10/22/20, 11/19/20, 12/17/20, and 1/28/21.

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 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)

Kaitlyn Holcome, of 221 S. Curry Street questioned the City Commission regarding the Cemetery. It was then discovered she was referring to the touchless faucets that were installed last year.

G. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio mentioned that the Western UP Health Department would be holding vaccination clinics every Tuesday for the next seven (7) weeks. If someone needs a vaccination, he urged them to call the Western UP Health Department at 667-0200 to schedule an appointment.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted he is still waiting for the guidelines for the new programs. He further added notices were sent out to all the local restaurant businesses.

Finance Director Paul Linn mentioned he is also waiting for the US Treasury to give guidance on what funds can be spent on.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #021-011 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance of Corey and Cynthia Sandy residence located at 39 Newport Heights S. (Parcel #52-24-178-240).

***Motion** was made by Cayer, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #021-011 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance of Corey and Cynthia Sandy residence located at 39 Newport Heights S. (Parcel #52-24-178-240) if not cleaned up by May 3rd. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for the Ironwood Memorial Building and Mausoleum Tuck Pointing Project to RAM Construction Services in the amount of \$19,000.00.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to award the bid for the Ironwood Memorial Building and Mausoleum Tuck Pointing Project to RAM Construction Services in the amount of \$19,000.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for Mine Shaft Safety Fencing and Jessieville Elevated Storage Tank Fencing to JCS, Inc. in the amount of \$28,866.00.

***Motion** was made Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to award the bid for Mine Shaft Safety Fencing and Jessieville Elevated Storage Tank Fencing to JCS, Inc. in the amount of \$28,866.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for Patching and Painting of Memorial Building Gymnasium to Vukovich Construction in the amount of \$37,400.00.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to award the bid for Patching and Painting of Memorial Building Gymnasium and balcony to Vukovich Construction in the amount of \$37,400.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for Well Rehabilitation (Well #203) to Binz Brothers in the amount of \$37,000.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to award the bid for Well Rehabilitation (Well #203) to Binz Brothers in the amount of \$37,000.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Construction and Wayfinding Signs (Phase II) to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$264,364.40, contingent upon concurrence and approval of the Michigan DNR Trust Fund.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman explained to the City Commission the City has already received notification of approval from the Michigan DNR Trust Fund for Phase I and Phase II of the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Construction including Wayfinding Signs and Parking Lot. He also mentioned the local match of 30% would be met with \$66,000.00 coming from the Ironwood Tourism Council, \$40,000.00 from SISU Dirt Crew, and \$14,000.00 of in-kind work provided by the City of Ironwood for a total of \$120,000.00.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to award the bid for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Construction and Wayfinding Signs (Phase II) to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$264,364.40 and remove the contingency. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider awarding bid to Jakes Excavation in the amount of \$1,668,324.34 for 2021 Water and Sewer Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to award the bid to Jakes Excavation in the amount of \$1,668,324.34 for 2021 Water and Sewer Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and consider approving Engineering Service Agreement with HDR of St. Louis Park, Minnesota for the design and project management services for the City of Ironwood Water Treatment Plant Project.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the Engineering Service Agreement with HDR of St. Louis Park, Minnesota for the design and project management services for the City of Ironwood Water Treatment Plant Project and authorize the mayor to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- P. Discuss and consider approving request from Friends of the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park (FMMHP) to construct a storage garage along the compost site road within the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve the request from Friends of the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park (FMMHP) to construct a storage garage along the compost site road within the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park, or two (2) other designated sites. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and consider approving quote for a truck box for vehicle #23 (2007-GMC-1 ton Pick Up) from Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$5,544.00.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to approve the quote for a truck box for vehicle #23 (2007-GMC-1 ton Pick Up) from Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$5,544.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Other Matters.

Commissioner Corcoran noted she was riding around Ironwood and noticed there is additional blight on Copper, Oak, and Ironwood Streets. She also suggested extra garbage cans be placed around town and to be proactive and give the property owners a heads up on cleaning up.

Commissioner Cayer thanked Steve Frank for picking up garbage around town.

Commissioner Mildren thanked the residents who keep their property looking nice.

Mayor Burchell felt it would be wonderful if we could step in before the blighted property becomes a problem.

S. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Cayer, seconded by Semo to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk