

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, June 28, 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).

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer (entered meeting at 5:41 p.m.), Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of June 14th.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Meeting Minutes of June 7.
- b. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of February 25 and April 22.
- c. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of June 8.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren 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 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 Mildren to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending May 31, 2021 and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for May 2021. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

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

G. COVID-19 Update.

City Manager Erickson noted there were no big changes other than the next City Commission Meeting will be in person along with a zoom.

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

There were none.

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

Jacie Duranso, of 74 Midway Dr., Negaunee, Michigan addressed the City Commission stating how grateful the Fire Station was to have successfully obtain a Class C Growers license from the City of Ironwood. Ms. Duranso urged the City Commission to allow two (2) more retail licenses.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Cayer came into the zoom meeting at 5:41 P.M. and was asked to state where he was attending the meeting from. Commissioner Cayer then stated he was in the City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan.

J. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #021-018 Amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve Resolution #021-018 Amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and correcting the approval date of the General Appropriations Act from June 18th to June 8th. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance 531, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 9-Cemeteries amending sections 9-30 Funeral and interments and Section 9-32 Monuments, Flush Markers or Individual Grave Markers (changing Ash Crypt location from Lots 66-72 to 65-72).

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to adopt Ordinance 531, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 9-Cemeteries amending sections 9-30 Funeral and interments and Section 9-32 Monuments, Flush Markers or Individual Grave Markers (changing Ash Crypt location from Lots 66-72 to 65-72). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Consider scheduling Public Hearing for July 26, 2021 at 5:20 P.M. to introduce Ordinance No. 532, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan by Amending Chapter 6, Article II, Dogs and Cats by adding Sections 6-33 Limitation on number of dogs and cats and 6-34 Enforcement and penalties.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to schedule a public hearing for July 26, 2021 at 5:20 P.M. to introduce Ordinance No. 532, Book 5, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan by Amending Chapter 6, Article II, Dogs and Cats by adding Sections 6-33 Limitation on number of dogs and cats and 6-34 Enforcement and penalties. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Consider approval of Change Order No. 2 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of \$22,326.50 (Water – \$9,108.00, Sewer - \$13,218.50) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve Change Order No. 2 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of \$22,326.50 (Water – \$9,108.00, Sewer - \$13,218.50) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Consider approval of Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$378,321.20 (Water – \$202,379.99, Sewer - \$175,941.21) for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$378,321.20 (Water – \$202,379.99, Sewer - \$175,941.21) for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and Consider approving Partial Pay Application #1 to JCS, Inc. for Mine Shaft Safety Fencing and Jessieville Elevated Storage Tank Fencing to JCS, Inc. in the amount of \$23,000.00.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the partial pay application #1 to JCS, Inc. for Mine Shaft Safety Fencing and Jessieville Elevated Storage Tank Fencing to JCS, Inc. in the amount of \$23,000.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- P. Discuss and Consider change order #1 Memorial Building Tuck Pointing Project.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve change order #1 Memorial Building Tuck Pointing Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- Q. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for 2,000 tons of winter street sand.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to authorize advertisement to bid for 2,000 tons of winter street sand. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for 3,000 tons of 22A road gravel.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to authorize advertisement to bid for 3,000 tons of 22A road gravel. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

S. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for replacement of water main fittings and valves in the neighborhood of U.S. Hwy 2 and Harrison Street.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo to authorize advertisement to bid for replacement of water main fittings and valves on U.S. Hwy 2 and Harrison Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

T. Discuss and Consider approving use of city vehicle for the Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL) “Work Based Learning Program” adult mentor, Larry Coron.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve use of city vehicle for the Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL) “Work Based Learning Program” adult mentor, Larry Coron. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

U. Manager’s Report.

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

- *The Lake Avenue project is moving along nicely.
- *The chip sealing project is being done, the contractor was sweeping the streets today and will be placing a fog seal on top. City Manager Erickson urged everyone to take a look at Norrie Park Road since that was done with the same process.
- *The parking lot in the Mountain Bike Project has been completed along Bonnie Rd.
- *Local Street Paving Project is out for bids.
- *First Friday event will take place this Friday with a band in the pavilion.
- *City Offices are closed on Monday, July 5th.
- *Water Treatment Plant Project is currently being designed.

V. Other Matters.

Mayor and City Commission requested an update on the commercial building to be torn down by Gogebic County and the building on Ayer Street that is an eyesore by the Memorial Building.

Commissioner Mildren stated how busy the downtown was on a Sunday and noted how nice everything looks.

Commissioner Corcoran had a few questions for City Staff on the City Square Project and COVID relief funds.

Commissioner Cayer requested port-a-potties be installed in the Downtown City Square.

Mayor Burchell suggested additional signs be installed to direct people to the public bathrooms across the street at the Public Safety Department.

W. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk