

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

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

1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:25 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comments on a blight violation of Cherie Griffith at 112 W. Cloverland Dr. (52-15-355-040).

Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen addressed the City Commission regarding the blight violation at 112 W. Cloverland Drive in Ironwood, Michigan. Mr. Alonen showed a picture of the property as of today and noted he had contacted the property owner on several occasions.

The property owner Cherie Griffith was present and addressed the City Commission explaining her situation and all her problems including her health issues, roof leaking, and water breaks.

A resident who lives within 100 yards of the property noted several years ago there were people with drugs and recently questionable individuals coming in and out of the motel. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:54 P.M.

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A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:54 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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 October 11, 2021.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021.

*Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Semo 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 and carried to approve the Agenda as presented.*

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.
2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

*Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer and carried to receive, and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending September 30, 2021, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for September 30, 2021.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

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

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

I. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #021-026 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance of Cherie Griffith at 112 W. Cloverland Dr. (52-15-355-040).

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #021-026 Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance of Cherie Griffith at 112 W. Cloverland Dr. (52-15-355-040) as of October 25, 2021. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

J. Discuss and Consider extension of Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Mid-America, LLC.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve extension of the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Mid-America, LLC and authorize the City Manager to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider approving invoice for bottled water.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the invoice for bottled water from Superior NMW, LLC in the amount of \$5,016.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Curry Park, Downtown City Square Splash Pad, and Kuitunen Park Fountains are closed for the Winter with the Compost Site being closed for the season on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Tamarack Street demolition will happen this week, Garvey Street in a few weeks, and Birch Street demolition will be going out to bid.
- \*The McLeod Avenue stairwell upper part was removed by the owner and a letter was sent to the owner from the City Building Official to remove the remainder.
- \*City Staff met with John Holland with Michigan Rural Water Association who is putting together a report.
- \*Chamber Volunteer Fair will be on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Ironwood Memorial Building.
- \*Ironwood-Oply is currently being sold at the Ironwood Wal Mart.

M. Other Matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Corcoran and the City Commission presented Mayor Annette Da Lio-Burchell with a plaque in appreciation of her service and dedication to the Ironwood City Commission and the residents of the City of Ironwood. Commissioner Corcoran noted how she respects and admires the Mayor for how she goes above and beyond to include everyone, her business savvy in helping Ironwood "Find its North", and how she researches everything to make the best decision for the citizens of Ironwood. Additional comments were received.

Commissioner Mildren thanked the City Commission for all their support of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center. He further noted how nice it is to see the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center full of kids during opening skating.

Commissioner Semo thanked everyone and wished all the candidates good luck in the upcoming election.

Mayor Burchell reminded and urged everyone to attend the forum of the City Commission Candidates being held on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 P.M. at the Gogebic Community College.

Mayor Burchell thanked the voters for putting their trust in her. She stated how honored she was to be Mayor for the last six (6) years and how much she has learned through this experience. Mayor Burchell thanked City Staff for having the patience with her and how wonderful of a job they all do. She also thanked her fellow commissioners for their accomplishments, dedication, and hard work. Additional comments were received.

N. Adjournment.

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk