

### Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on Monday, October 8, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

- A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.
- B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Semo, Shackelford, Tauer, and Mayor Corcoran.  
ABSENT: None.

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – September 24<sup>th</sup> Regular City Commission Meeting.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to the minutes correcting the date of the previous meeting to September 24<sup>th</sup>. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- D. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

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

There were none.

- F. AUDIENCE: Representative from Downtown Art Place (DAP).  
(RE: Update on the City Centre Building).

Bob Burchell addressed the City Commission requesting a commitment from the City Commission regarding the establishment of the Downtown Art Place (DAP) at the City Centre Building in Ironwood.

The City Commission had several questions for Mr. Burchell regarding the City Centre such as the financial burden and the number of years of City ownership. Further discussion of this matter took place.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- G. Discuss and consider Resolution #012-099 Establishment of the Downtown Art Place (DAP) at the City Centre Building in Ironwood.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to adopt Resolution #012-099 Establishment of the Downtown Art Place (DAP) at the City Centre Building in Ironwood.*

#### ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Semo, Shackelford, Tauer, and Mayor Corcoran.  
No (1): Commissioner Cayer

*Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.*

- H. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$408,581.02 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$408,581.02 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$388,517.53 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$388,517.53 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Norrie/Jessieville Project Phase I & II (Water & Sewer Project) underground pipe work is essentially complete and West Ayer Street (Water & Sewer Project) underground water and sewer pipe has been installed and the first lift of asphalt pavement has been installed.
- \*Hemlock Street Phase I (Street Restoration) walk through by MDOT has been made with contractor completing punch list items.
- \*Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs by Ruotsala Concrete have been completed.
- \*Local Street Paving Project-additional street paving will occur starting Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Downtown Streetscape Project – new foundations for light poles have been installed, tree grates have been installed, and street furniture delivered and is in place.
- \*Salt Storage Building is complete with final grading around site being finished.
- \*Norrie Park Play Structure has been constructed over the past weekend.
- \*Depot Park Pavilion Project received final approvals from the MDNR & MEDC last week.
- \*US2 Reconstruction – City staff has been meeting with the highway business owners to make them aware of the project.
- \*Timber Sale #1 – Snow Ridge of Hurley is preparing the site for winter logging operation.
- \*Timber Sale #2 – will be rebid and are due October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Gas Plant Clean Up continues.
- \*Interviews for DPW positions will occur Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Applications are being received until October 19<sup>th</sup> for a permanent part time Community Development Assistant.
- \*City DPW will be fixing a water main leak on US 2 and Hemlock Street tomorrow.
- \*Bridge Inspections will take place this week on Norrie Street Bridge and Dupont Street Bridge.

- K. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Semo had several questions regarding the earmarking of the Timber Sale funds and questioned if some of the money could go toward the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Shackelford questioned when the City would find out about the Curry Park Grant.

Mayor Corcoran requested a follow up workshop in the future with the City Commission regarding their goals, develop a City flag, and the Mayor and City Manager conduct once a month informal meeting with residents. Mayor Corcoran also requested the motorized group work with the Miner's Memorial to develop safe routes through the cave area.

Commissioner Semo stated he had taken it upon himself as an individual and was working with these groups. Commissioner Semo also requested a meeting be conducted regarding further development of the website.

The City Commission welcomed the Luther L. Wright High School students to the City Commission meeting and urged the school to do historical tours of the Memorial Building.

- L. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Five Minute Limit).

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street addressed the City Commission expressing his dismay with Mr. Albert not being reappointed to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA).

- M. Adjournment.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.*

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk