

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on February 13, 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 – January 23rd Regular, January 30th & February 9th Special City Commission Meetings.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Planning Commission Minutes Meeting Minutes of December 7th.
- b) Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs Meeting Minutes of December 2011.

*3) Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, March 26, 2012 at 5:20 P.M. to discuss an application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) on both real and personal property from Ottawa Forest Products, Inc.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Cayer to approve the consent agenda as amended with the removal of item Q, Discuss and consider bulk water rate and option payment with Gogebic Taconite. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Semo, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

- F. Review new City of Ironwood website.

Commissioner Semo reviewed the new City of Ironwood website with the City Commission and those present.

NEW BUSINESS

- G. Discuss proposed District Library Agreements.

Elaine Erickson, Library Director addressed the City Commission regarding the proposed District Library Agreements.

Commissioner Cayer and Shackelford asked City Staff if there were any existing deed restrictions that would not allow the transfer of ownership of the building. The Commission felt a restriction should be placed on the deed that it would revert back to the City of Ironwood should the District Library dissolve.

It was the consensus of the City Commission that a reversionary clause be placed in the agreement, library employees remain status quo until District Library funding takes place

and they would support a re-vote of the millage if it does not pass. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Commissioner Tauer questioned how the District Library Board members were decided. Library Director Elaine Erickson explained a committee made the recommendation.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to keep the ratio of Board Members on the District Library recommended in the agreement.*

ROLL CALL:

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

***Motion** carried on a 4 to 1 vote.*

H. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution #012-076 – Support for Northern Initiatives to manage the CDBG Funds for the Upper Peninsula.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #012-076 Support for Northern Initiatives to manage the CDBG Funds for the Upper Peninsula. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution #012-077 Charitable Gaming License.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve Resolution #012-077 Charitable Gaming License for the Friends of the Fair, Inc. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Consider change order # 1 for Ruotsala Construction for 16” Water Main Project.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve change order #1 for Ruotsala Construction for 16” Water Main Project in the amount of \$406.02 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Consider partial pay request #4 for Ruotsala Construction in the amount of \$54,120.07 for 16” Water Main Project.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve partial pay request #4 for Ruotsala Construction in the amount of \$54,120.07 for 16” Water Main Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$3,881.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$3,881.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$79,990.74 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo to approve Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$79,990.74 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.*

- N. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$153,595.21 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 Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$153,595.21 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.

- O. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$52,413.76 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 Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$52,413.76 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.

- P. Discuss and consider declaring and sale of Surplus Property for Department of Public Works.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to declare the following items surplus property for Department of Public Works:

1. #8 1989 FORD Truck
2. #56 1967 Oshkosh Plow
3. #43 1957 Ford Truck (Distributor)
4. #100 Drott Excavator 40C
5. #371 AMZ Pothole Patcher
6. Tailgate Blacktop patcher

- Q. Discuss and consider bulk water rate and option payment with Gogebic Taconite.

This item was removed.

- R. Mayor's Appointment

Mayor Corcoran reappointed Annette Burchell to the Park and Recreation Committee for a five-year term (term expiring January 31, 2017).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Annette Burchell to the Park and Recreation Committee for a five-year term (term expiring January 31, 2017).

- S. Manager's Report

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

- *Hemlock Street Phase I (Norrie Street to Arch Street) is anticipated to be constructed this June/July 2012.
- *MDOT Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project have been submitted to the MDOT and will be constructed this summer (2012).
- *Specifications for Cemetery and Park mowing contracts have been completed and will be opened on March 20, 2012.
- *West Aurora Street Water and Sewer Project will be constructed Spring/Summer 2012.
- *Phase III/IV water and sewer project application is being completed by Coleman Engineering.
- *City staff is finalizing the design of the project plans for the construction of a new salt storage building at the City Department of Public Works Garage.
- *Specifications for 2012 Pavement striping contracts are being prepared.
- *Local banks have been contacted regarding the possibility of selling bonds for this summer's local street paving program.

*A possible work session will take place between the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board and the City Commission to discuss the status of their millage and other potential large capital projects.

Mayor Corcoran questioned City Staff regarding the Hemlock Phase I Project and if it will comply with Complete Streets. City Manager Erickson confirmed it would.

T. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Semo suggested the City Commission work with the different City Boards and Commissions to better communicate. It was suggested a report be given different times of the month from City Commissioners serving on those Boards and Commissions.

Commissioner Shackelford had questions for City Staff regarding parking and snow removal along Lake Street.

Commissioner Semo requested that the City announce it is unlawful to ride 4-wheelers on City Streets during this time of year. He further stated the Gogebic Range Trail Authority also suggested getting the word out.

Commissioner Cayer suggested quarterly reports be given by each City Department.

U. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Five

Bernie Finco, of 636 VanBuskirk addressed the City Commission commenting on how the 4-wheelers have damaged the trail in the Newport Location.

V. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk