

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on April 23, 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 – April 9th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File.

a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of March 15th.

b) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of February 23rd and March 5th.

c) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2nd.

*3) Approve Sale of:

a) Disabled American Veterans D.A.V.- Forget-Me-Not Flowers, May 10th & 11th, 2012

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Receive and Place on File from the Finance Director.

1. Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve the monthly check register report. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

E. Approval of the Agenda.

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

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

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street addressed the City Commission on item H. and N. showing his dismay with a cheaper water rate for Hurley and questioning why the City of Ironwood is renting the Code Enforcement Officer out to Wakefield Township.

James Albert, of 133 E. Aurora Street expressed his dismay with item I, T, and V stating certain City Commissioners should not vote on these items.

NEW BUSINESS

G. Discuss and Consider clearing sight line to Hiawatha Indian on City of Ironwood property.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to allow the Friends of the Miner's Memorial Park with other volunteer area groups to clear the sight line to Hiawatha Indian in the City of Ironwood.

H. Discuss and Consider Bulk Water Rate for the City of Hurley.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Bulk Water Rate for the City of Hurley.

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Shackelford, Tauer, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran.

No (1): Commissioner Cayer.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

- I. Discuss and Consider Resolution #012-087 a MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to adopt Resolution #012-087 a MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #012-088 a request from J. Alvarez, LLC to transfer ownership of a Class C SDM (Specially Designated Merchant) License with Sunday Sales Permit, located at 135 E. Cloverland Drive from William Romano. (El Dorado Mexican Restaurant)

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to adopt Resolution #012-088 a request from J. Alvarez, LLDC to transfer ownership of a Class C SDM (Specially Designated Merchant) License with Sunday Sales Permit, located at 135 E. Cloverland Drive from William Romano. (El Dorado Mexican Restaurant) Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and Consider approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Coleman Engineering for the Depot Park Projects.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering for the Depot Park Projects. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and Consider Legal Service Agreement(s) with Dean & Pope PC for USDA Rural Development Phase III Water and Sewer Projects.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo to approve Legal Service Agreement(s) with Dean & Pope PC for USDA Rural Development Phase III Water and Sewer Projects. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider Engineering Services Agreement(s) with Coleman Engineering for USDA Rural Development Phase III Water and Sewer Projects.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Engineering Service Agreement(s) with Coleman Engineering for USDA Rural Development Phase III Water and Sewer Projects. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and Consider Agreement with Wakefield Township for contracted Code Enforcement Services.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the Agreement with Wakefield Township for contracted Code Enforcement Services. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Update on Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency from Commissioner Monie Shackelford.

Commissioner Shackelford gave an update on the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action.

- P. Mayor's Appointment.

No appointments were made.

- Q. Manager's Report.

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

*"Make A Difference" clean up day is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5th.

- *Bids have been approved for the 2012 Pavement Striping Contract.
- *MDOT has initiated their study of the three Downtown traffic signals. The 90 day test is well underway.
- *Gogebic Range Water Authority is working with Ironwood Township on the installation of a new water main along Margaret Street from Lake Road east to Wilson Street behind the K-Mart Plaza.
- *The Hemlock Street Phase I (Norrie Street to Arch Street) project has been bid out by MDOT.
- *MDOT Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project has been submitted to MDOT bid letting scheduled for early July.
- *Design work by Coleman Engineering continues on West Aurora Street Water and Sewer project.
- *City Staff is completing the specifications for the new salt storage shed for DPW.
- *The 16 inch water main project is nearing completion.
- *City Staff is working on the specifications for the Norrie Park play structure improvements.
- *The Rural Development funding application for the Phase II water and sewer project (US2 and residential neighborhood north of US2 and west of K-Mart Plaza) has been completed by Coleman Engineering.

R. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Semo requested the City Commission excuse him from the May 14th meeting.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to excuse Commissioner Semo from the May 14th City Commission meeting.

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

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street and Jim Albert, of 133 W. Aurora Street expressed their dismay with various City items.

T. Consider Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations with AFSCME & Ironwood Professionals Police Association Unions and update on IPSD Litigation.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to enter into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations with AFSCME & Ironwood Professionals Police Association Unions and update on IPSD Litigation at 6:23 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

U. Return to Open Session.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to return to Open Session at 7:17 P.M.

V. Discuss and Consider EVIP Employee Compensation Resolution #012-089.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to adopt Resolution #012-089 an Employee Compensation Plan with certain limitations as part of the Economic Vitality Initiative Program (EVIP).

W. Adjournment.

Motion was made by; Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk