

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on June 11, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. along with public hearings at 5:10 P.M. and 5:20 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Semo called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:10 P.M.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Semo opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M.
3. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Budget. Schedule of Rates for the City Services and the Property Tax Millage Rate levied to support Proposed Budget.

Finance Director Linn addressed the City Commission stating the City Commission was very actively involved with the budget process and it was very nice to have some “frugal department heads”. He further stated they are coming to the City Commission with a balanced budget without using any of the unassigned fund balance.

City Manager Erickson further noted the budget is a working document and if something comes up during the year it could be amended. He further stated it was a frugal budget with items in the budget to move the City of Ironwood forward.

There were no public comments received on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 proposed budget.

4. Mayor Pro Tem Semo closed the Public Hearing at 5:15 P.M.

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1. Mayor Pro Tem Semo opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
 2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on Ordinance No. 494, Book 4 an Ordinance to provide revisions to the Blight Prevention Ordinance.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission stating there were two (2) changes to the ordinance addressing the term ATV and snowmobiles as junk vehicles if they are not operable and not running and the second part addresses repeat offenders.

Code Enforcement Officer Alonen addressed the City Commission regarding Ordinance No. 494. Mr. Alonen noted the ordinance revisions helps address the issue of notices if the violator has had a previous blight notice within the past two years.

Mayor Pro Tem Semo felt the language was not clear on repeat offenders and would like to see it brought back.

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street questioned how many repeat offenders we have had in the past and felt it was a waste of time to change the ordinance for 2 or 3 repeat offenders.

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street questioned how the City of Ironwood is addressing legally unlicensed ATV and snowmobiles that stay on private property.

After a brief discussion took place and the City Commission agreed to clarify the repeat offender, legally unlicensed ATV, and snowmobiles and bring it back for another Public Hearing.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Semo closed the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M.

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- A. Mayor Pro Tem called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Shackelford, Tauer, and Mayor Pro Tem Semo.

ABSENT: Mayor Corcoran (Excused).

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Cayer and carried to excuse Mayor Corcoran from the meeting.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – May 24th Special City Commission Meeting and Work Session, May 29th Regular City Commission Meeting, and May 31st Work Session.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 3rd.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction to the May 29th Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes correcting item D. ...receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the month ending April 30, 2012, monthly Cash Report dated April 2012, and approve the Monthly Check Register Report dated April 2012. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

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

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

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street requested data and felt that the water meters should be read every 3 to 4 months to save money.

Ken Jacobson, 218 S. Suffolk Street addressed the City Commission on Item P. requesting the Pocket Park be named Kinnunen Park since Jerry Kinnunen was so involved with the Pocket Park.

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street questioned when is the final payment for Phase I would be made and indicated that Phase I restoration still needed to be completed. Mr. Maki also questioned why there was a working group for the City Centre since the City should be trying to sell the building not be a landlord.

OLD BUSINESS

F. Review and Consider Resolution #012-090 Approving an Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 including Budget establishment of the 2012-2013 Millage Rates for City Services and authorizing the collection of a 1% Tax Administration Fee and adopt 2012-2013 Fee Schedule.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to adopt Resolution #012-090 approving an Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 including Budget establishment of the 2012-2013 Millage Rates for City Services and authorizing the collection of a 1% Tax Administration Fee and adopt 2012-2013 Fee Schedule. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

G. Consider Resolution #012-091 approving Contract with MDOT for the Streetscaping Improvements along Business Route 2 (BR2) and authorize Mayor Corcoran and City Clerk Karen Gullan to sign same.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to adopt Resolution #012-091 approving Contract with MDOT for the Streetscaping Improvements along Business Route 2 (BR2) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Semo and City Clerk Karen Gullan to sign same.

- H. Discuss and consider recent legislation that provides an additional opportunity to qualify for the third category to Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP).

The City Commission agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider waiving Vendor License Fee for Festival Ironwood.

Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Shackelford to waive the Vendor License Fee for the Festival Ironwood on July 18-21st. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and Consider authorizing purchase of IPSD police vehicle in the amount of \$22,598.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer to authorize the purchase of an Ironwood Public Safety Police Vehicle in the amount of \$22,598. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and Consider declaring the sale of Surplus Property for IPSD - Car #10 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Cayer declaring the sale of Surplus Property for Ironwood Public Safety Department – Car #10 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$384.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$384.75 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Semo to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$300,326.69 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 Shackelford to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$300,326.69 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Water Portion) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Semo to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$158,005.45 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$158,005.45 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor Pro Temp Semo to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$172,326.14 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$172,326.14 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Semo to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- P. Discuss and consider Park and Recreation Committee's request to rename the "Downtown Pocket Park" to "Kinnunen Park".

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to rename the "Downtown Pocket Park" to "Kinnunen Park".

- Q. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for pump station chlorination equipment.

Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to authorize bids for the pump station chlorination equipment.

- R. Discuss and consider approving change order with National Water for the purchase of an additional 20 fire hydrants.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve the change order with National Water for the purchase of an additional 20 fire hydrants. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- S. Discuss and consider Water Meter Reading Contract Renewal.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to renew R.E.D. Constructions water meter reading contract for one (1) year with an increase from .70 cents to .72 cents per meter. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- T. Discuss and consider setting a joint work session between City Commission, DIDA, and City Centre working group.

After a brief discussion the City Commission agreed to hold a joint work session between the City Commission, DIDA, City Centre working group, and Theatre Board on Monday, July 2nd at 5:00 p.m. at the City Centre.

- U. Manager's Report.

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

- *The Miner's Mural dedication is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th at 3:00 p.m. on the corner of Suffolk and McLeod Street.
- *Hemlock Street Phase I (Norrie Street to Arch Street) project continues to move along nicely.
- *A public informational meeting will take place tomorrow for the West Ayer Street water & sewer project at 5:30 p.m. in the Women's Club Room at the Memorial Building.
- *Project bids specifications for the Norrie Park Playground Improvement project have been completed and bid opening is July 6, 2012.
- *The salt storage building has been completed and scheduled to open by June 20th.
- *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board will be meeting in Munising to review the grant application for the Michigan Western Gateway Trail (Phase I) funding.
- *Infratech have relined 23 sanitary and/or storm manholes in various location throughout the City of Ironwood.
- *MDOT has completed their study of the Downtown traffic signals and will be presenting the results to the City Commission once they are tabulated.

- V. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Tauer addressed the cars speeding on Brogan Street. Public Safety Director DiGiorgio noted a Temporary Traffic Control Order for a stop sign was already in place and forwarded on to the Department of Public Works Superintendent Richards.

He further stated the department would conduct a 30-60 day study before a permanent Traffic Control Order would take place. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Mayor Pro Tem Semo mentioned the Planning Commission was looking into creating a Medical Marijuana Ordinance and would really like to update the Comprehensive Plan.

City Manager Erickson noted he had talked with U.P Engineering regarding holding a work session to discuss the benefits of the Master Plan.

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

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street questioned when Phase I would be finished.

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street questioned staff regarding the overnight parking sign and Freedom of Information requests. Further comments were received.

X. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M.*

Rick Semo, Mayor Pro Tem

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk