

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on Monday, August 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.

Motion was made by Mayor Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford to excuse Commissioner Tauer from the City Commission Meeting.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Semo, Shackelford, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: Commissioner Tauer (excused).

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – July 23rd Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Re-schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, August 27, 2012 at 5:20 P.M. to hear comment on Ordinance No. 494, Book 4 an Ordinance to provide revisions to the Blight Prevention Ordinance.

*3) Scheduling a Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing for Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. to hear comment relative to vacating part of Alder Place adjacent to lots 4, 5, 16 & 17 Block 1, Assessors Plat No. 11 from Josh and Rebecca Pietrocattelli, 425 Marble Street.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to amend the agenda removing item F.

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

There were none.

F. AUDIENCE: Commissioner Brandon Tauer.

(RE: Update on the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Board).

This item was removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider Resolution #012-094 declaring September 9-16, 2012 as “Suicide Prevention Week” in the City of Ironwood.

Pat Galinaugh addressed the City Commission regarding the Suicide Prevention Week along with reviewing the statistics.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to adopt Resolution #012-094 declaring September 9-16, 2012 as “Suicide Prevention Week” in the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

I. Discuss and Consider Park & Recreation Committee’s recommendation requiring all City Parks be Tobacco Free and Schedule Public Hearing for Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:10 P.M. for Ordinance No. 496, Book 4, an ordinance to prohibit use of tobacco at City of Ironwood Parks.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, September 10, 2012 to 5:10 P.M. for Ordinance No. 496, Book 4, an ordinance to prohibit use of tobacco at City of Ironwood Parks.

- J. Discuss and Consider authorizing request to allow SISU Ski Race to utilize City owned properties (10 year request).

Bob Burchell representative for the SISU Ski race addressed the City Commission to request a land use agreement to utilize City owned property for a 10-year period. Mr. Burchell stated the SISU Ski Race has grown every year and a land use agreement would help in securing sponsorships. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to direct City Staff to work with the City Attorney and the SISU Group to develop a land use agreement. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement for bids to replace a 1999 Water Department Truck #28 and 2001 Water Department Truck #33, also 1985 Parks Department Truck #20.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to authorize advertisement for bids to replace #28-1999 Water Department Truck, #33-2000 Water Department Truck, and #20-1985 Parks Department Truck.

- L. Discuss and Consider amending minutes of Monday, July 9, 2012 changing Pay Package in the amount of \$77,284.03 from the Water Portion Phase II to Sewer Portion Phase I.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo and carried to amend the Monday, July 9, 2012 minutes changing Pay Package in the amount of \$77,284.03 from the Water Portion Phase II to Sewer Portion Phase I.

- M. Discuss and Consider amending minutes of Monday, July 9, 2012 changing Pay Package amount of \$192,940.32 from the Sewer Portion Phase I to the Water Portion Phase II.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo and carried to amend the Monday, July 9, 2012 minutes changing Pay Package in the amount of \$192,940.32 from the Sewer Portion Phase I to the Water Portion Phase II.

- N. Discuss and Consider amending the 2012-2013 Fee Schedule to correct the clerical error on the monthly garbage rate to \$12.63 and removal of Police Report (non-accident) fee.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Semo to amend the 2012-2013 Fee Schedule to correct the monthly garbage rate to \$12.63 and remove the (non-accident) fee for Police Report. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and Consider awarding the Norrie Park Playground equipment bid to Superior Play in the amount of \$41,474.20.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to award the Norrie Park Playground Equipment Bid to Superior Play in the amount of \$41,474.20 with the additional money being obtained from the Timber Sale. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- P. Consider approval of Wagner Construction Change Order #6 in the amount of \$94,689.45 and time extension request for the Phase 1 and 2 Utility Project (Water and Sewer).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Wagner Construction Change Order #6 in the amount of \$94,689.45 without the inclusion of the time extension request for the Phase 1 and 2 Utility Project (Water and Sewer). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Q. Discuss and Consider approving Consulting Engineering Services Amendment with Coleman Engineering for the Norrie/Jessieville Utility Project Phase II – Water in the amount of \$9,400.00 and Sewer in the amount of \$9,400.00.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to table item Q until the next regular City Commission Meeting upon the City Manager's request.

- R. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$407,101.02 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 Utility Project (Water Portion), which includes payoff of the loan to GRWA for the 16" Transmission Main 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 \$407,101.02 for the City of Ironwood – Phase I Utility Project (Water Portion), which includes payoff of the loan to GRWA for the 16" Transmission Main and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- S. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$357,238.25 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 1 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 \$357,238.25 for the City of Ironwood – Phase I Utility Project (Sewer Portion) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- T. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$317,654.64 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 2 Utility Project (Water 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 \$317,654.64 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.

- U. Consider approval of Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$126,845.66 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 Semo to approve the Rural Development Pay Package in the amount of \$126,845.66 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.

- V. Discuss and consider scheduling Public Hearing for September 10, 2012 at 5:20 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation at 215 S. Lowell Street (Siding Violation).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for September 10, 2012 at 5:20 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation at 215 S. Lowell Street (Siding Violation).

- W. Discuss and consider scheduling Public Hearing for September 10, 2012 at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation at 244 E. Pine Street (Broken Windows).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to schedule a Public hearing for September 10, 2012 at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a blight violation at 244 E. Pine Street (Broken Windows).

- X. Discuss and consider awarding bids for the removal of City owned building at Depot Park.

City Manager Erickson explained to the City Commission that no bids were received for the removal of the City owned building at Depot Park.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to authorize the City to advertise for bids for the demolition of a City owned building located a Depot Park.

Y. Manager's Report.

- *A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled at the Gogebic Community College with all the State Representatives tomorrow at 5:30 P.M.
- *EPA has indicated that August 20, 2012 crews will be mobilizing for the clean up of the gas plant site and a Public Informational Meeting will take place August 22, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Women's Club Room at the Memorial Building.
- *The Comprehensive Deer Management Program will be meeting on Thursday with any changes to the program and will bring it back to the City Commission for their approval.
- *Michael Brown the new Community Development Director will be starting on Monday, August 27th.
- *A recognized consultant by the name of Nick Anderson will be in the area and will talk about how we look at the area and how we can improve on things we do. This presentation has been scheduled for August 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gogebic Community College.

Z. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Semo stated they had a very interesting meeting with U.P. Engineering regarding the Master Plan.

Commissioner Shackelford stated there is money available through the Health Department for bike racks.

Mayor Corcoran thanked Jamie Peite, Ken Jacobson, and all the volunteers for the great job they did hosting the Fireman's Tournament in the City of Ironwood.

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

A resident had several questions regarding the water quality in the City of Ironwood and City Staff responded.

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street expressed his concerns with the Comprehensive Plan, Freedom of Information, and other items. Further comments were received.

James Albert, of 133 W. Aurora Street stated had recently spoken to the Attorney General's Office regarding the Freedom of Information Act and would be filing formal charges tomorrow.

BB. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk