

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on August 27, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. along with a Board of Zoning Appeal Board Public Hearing at 5:15 P.M. and a Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Corcoran called the Board of Zoning Appeals to Order at 5:15 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

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

3. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:16 P.M.
4. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to vacating part of Alder Place adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 16 & 17, Block 1, Assessors Plat No. 11. Vacation is requested by Josh and Rebecca Pietrocatelli, 425 Marble Street.

Assessor Dennis Hewitt addressed the City Commission and gave a brief overview of the vacation of part of Alder Place adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 16 & 27, Block 1, Assessor's Plat No. 11 request by Josh and Rebecca Pietrocatelli, 425 Marble Street. Mr. Hewitt noted just a small portion of Alder Place is being requested to be vacated and it is a wooded area. He also noted the Planning Commission had reviewed this request. The City of Ironwood would still retain easement rights over the vacated portion of the Street.

Commissioner Semo questioned why the vacation was being requested and Mr. & Mr. Josh Pietrocatelli responded stating he would like to join the parcels together for insurance purposes and safety.

Mike Madgziak a neighbor to Pietrocatelli expressed his concerns along with William Wohlgemuth who had concerns about parking for his renters. Further comments were received.

5. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:34 P.M.
6. Consider Action on the Pietrocatelli Request.

No action was taken at this time and City Staff was instructed to work out the details and bring it back to the City Commission in two (2) weeks.

7. Mayor Corcoran adjourned the Board of Zoning Appeals at 5:35 P.M.
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1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing a 5:35 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on Ordinance No. 494, Book 4 an Ordinance to provide revisions to the Blight Prevention Ordinance.

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street questioned if this Ordinance No. 494, Book 4 was published. City Staff explained that the Ordinance was being introduced and would not be passed until the next Regular Meeting of the City Commission.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:39 P.M.
- A. Mayor Corcoran called the regular meeting to order at 5:39 P.M.
 - B. Recording of the Roll.
PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Shackleford, Tauer, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran.
ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – August 13th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2012.
- b) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Minutes June 28th and July 26th.
- c) Planning Commission Minutes July 11th.

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

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

1. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures.
2. Monthly Cash Reports.
3. Monthly Check Register Report.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo to amend the financials removing items 1 and 2 and approve the monthly Check Register Report. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

E. Approval of the Agenda.

***Motion** was made by Tauer, seconded by Cayer and carried to approve the agenda with the changes to the financials.*

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

There were none.

G. AUDIENCE: Commissioner Brandon Tauer
(RE: Update on the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Board)

Commissioner Tauer gave an overview of the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Plant. He noted that the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Board is a joint cooperative effort between the City of Ironwood, Hurley, and Ironwood Township. Mr. Tauer further reviewed some of the upcoming projects of the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Plant. Further comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

H. Discuss and Consider approval of Resolution #012-096 City of Ironwood Citizen Participation Policy.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve Resolution #012-096 City of Ironwood Citizen Participation Policy with the corrections to paragraph 2 changing one to “once” and paragraph 8 add “meetings” after City Commission. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

I. Discuss and Consider Resolution #012-095 Governing the 2012 Comprehensive Deer Management Program.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve Resolution #012-095 Governing the 2012 Comprehensive Deer Management Program with the correction to item P. adding “ of age” after years. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and Consider recommendation from Pat O’Donnell Civic Center Board to approve a bid from Mukavitz Heating for a new boiler in the amount of \$8,490.00

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the bid from Mukavitz Heating for a new boiler in the amount of \$8,490.00 as recommended by the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and Consider awarding bids for 2012 Local Street Paving Program.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to award the bid to Northwood's Paving in the amount of \$1,387,145.65 with the understanding a change order will be brought back for approval of a reduction of \$200,590. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

L. Discuss and Consider removing opening prayer from City Commission Meetings.

City Attorney Pope felt in his opinion, according to an Article in the Legal Review for June, that it was unclear but felt that the City of Ironwood's prayer was not a secular message. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo to remove the opening prayer from the Agenda and their City Commission Rules.

ROLL CALL:

YES (3): Commissioner Tauer, Shackelford, and Semo.

NO (2): Commissioner Cayer and Mayor Corcoran.

Motion carried on a 3 to 2 vote.

M. Discuss and Consider approving sale of two (2) vehicles seized by the Gogebic-Iron County Drug Team and authorize advertisement to bid.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the sale of two (2) vehicles seized by the Gogebic-Iron County Drug Team and authorize advertisement to bid.

N. Consider approval of Locally Funded Pay Package in the amount of \$228,246.17 for the City of Ironwood West Ayer Street Neighborhood Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to approve the locally funded Pay Package in the amount of \$228,246.17 for the City of Ironwood West Ayer Street Neighborhood Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Corcoran requested the City Commission affirm the appointment of Amber Hurkmans as the Carnegie Library Representative from Erwin Township replacing Sylvia Mussatti (term expiring December 31, 2014).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Amber Hurkmans as the Carnegie Library Representative from Erwin Township replacing Sylvia Mussatti (term expiring December 31, 2014).

P. Manager's Report.

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

*City Manager Erickson introduced to the City Commission the new Community Development Director Michael Brown.

*The US EPA has mobilized their staff and are having standing hours at the Memorial Building every Thursday from 5 to 6 PM.

*The City of Ironwood is currently advertising to fill two (2) positions in the Department of Public Works, one sewer and one water.

- *Norrie/Jessieville Project is moving forward Wagner Construction is bringing in a third crew to help them move forward.
- *The Salt Storage Building is progressing nicely.
- *Norrie Park Play Structure's site is being prepared.
- *Timber Sale number two received no bids and City Staff will go back and review.

Q. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit)

The City Commission had several questions for City Staff.

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

There were none.

S. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 P.M.*

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk