

**Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on September 10, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. along a Public Hearings at 5:10 P.M., 5:20 P.M., 5:25 P.M., and the Board of Zoning Appeal at 5:30 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

*Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to excuse Commissioner Semo from tonight's Ironwood City Commission Meeting.*

1. Mayor Corcoran Opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Semo.

3. Public Hearing: to hear comment on Ordinance No. 496, Book 4 an Ordinance to prohibit use of tobacco at City of Ironwood's Parks.

Keith Johnson, Co-Chair of the Festival Ironwood expressed his concerns about the Ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco and its enforcement.

Mayor Corcoran and the City Commission also expressed their concerns about the ordinance and felt that City Staff should revise the Ordinance excluding the three (3) parks (Curry Park, Randa Field, and Depot Park) include a buffer around any children's play structures, and clarify the definition of tobacco. The City Commission requested City Staff send the changes to the Park & Recreation Committee for their review and bring it back to the City Commission for another public hearing. Further comments were received.

4. Mayor Corcoran Closed the Public Hearing at 5:23 P.M

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1. Mayor Corcoran Opened the Public Hearing at 5:23 P.M.
  2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 215 S. Lowell Street (Siding Violation).

Jason Alonen, Blight Enforcement Officer addressed the City Commission stating the home located at 215 S. Lowell Street has been in this condition for the past seven (7) years. He further stated City Staff met with City Attorney Pope giving the City of Ironwood two (2) options. Attorney Pope noted one option would be to write a ticket and the other was to initiate a civil lawsuit. He noted the civil lawsuit would be very expensive. Further comments were received.

3. Mayor Corcoran Closed the Public Hearing a 5:25 P.M.

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1. Mayor Corcoran Opened the Public Hearing a 5:25 P.M.
  2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 244 E. Pine Street (Broken Windows).

Jason Alonen, Blight Enforcement Officer informed the City Commission that the blighted property at 244 E. Pine Street would have the windows boarded up. He further noted that the taxes had not been paid for the past two (2) years.

Public Safety Director DiGiorgio stated a ticket would be written for a 90-day misdemeanor with penalties. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Closed the Public Hearing at 5:29 P.M.

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1. Mayor Corcoran Called the Board of Zoning Appeals to Order at 5:30 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

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

3. Discuss and consider Action on the Pietrocatelli Request (vacate portion of Alder Place).

Several of the Commissioners viewed the proposed vacation of Alder Place and noted the neighbors were not against the vacation once they learned the intent. Further discussion of this matter took place.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the action on the Pietrocatelli request to vacate the portion of Alder Street as described.*

4. Mayor Corcoran adjourned the Board of Zoning Appeals at 5:30 P.M.

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A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – August 27<sup>th</sup> Regular City Commission Meeting.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup> & August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- b) Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*3) Approval of Gogebic County Board of Canvassers Report for the August 7, 2012 Election.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Cayer and carried to approve the amended agenda by adding item J1. Discuss and consider designation of City Manager Scott Erickson as MML Convention Delegate, with alternate official being Mayor Kim Corcoran.*

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

F. Discuss and Consider approving project grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Depot Recreation Park and Trailhead Improvement Project.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the project grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Depot Recreation Park and Trailhead Improvement Project along with authorizing Mayor Corcoran to sign same.*

- G. Discuss and Consider approving Ordinance No. 494, Book 4, an Ordinance to provide revisions to the Blight Prevention Ordinance.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve Ordinance No. 494, Book 4, an Ordinance to provide revisions to the Blight Prevention Ordinance. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- H. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 215 S. Lowell Street.

*Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to start the fine process on the blighted property at 215 S. Lowell Street.*

- I. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 244 E. Pine Street.

*Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to start the fine process and secure the blighted property located at 244 E. Pine Street.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

- J. Consider approving Memorandum of Agreement with Western UP Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency for continued participation in Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

*Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Western UP Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency for continued participation in Employee Assistance Program (EAP).*

- J1. Discuss and consider designation of the City Manager Scott Erickson as MML Convention Delegate, with alternate official being Mayor Kim Corcoran.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to designate City Manager Erickson as MML Convention Delegate, with the alternate official being Mayor Kim Corcoran.*

- K. Discuss and Consider awarding bids for the Depot Park Pavilion (Phase I) Construction.

*Motion was made by Shackelford to award the bid for the Depot Park Pavilion to Angelo Lupino for the base bid plus alternate A in the amount of \$131,816.00 contingent upon approval by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and Consider approving Change Order # 1 for the West Ayer Street Project to extend the date for completion.

*Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer to approve Change Order #1 for the West Ayer Street Project extending the completion date to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Consider approval of Pay Package to Dome Corporation of North America in the amount of \$47,500 for Dome Salt Storage Building.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve the Pay Package for Dome Corporation of North America in the amount of \$47,500 for the Dome Salt Storage Building. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Consider amending Item "P" from August 13, 2012 meeting minutes rescinding action regarding Phase I & II Change Order No. 6.

*Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer to amend Item "P" from August 13, 2012 meeting minutes rescinding action regarding Phase I & II Change Order No. 6. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Consider approving of Water & Sewer (Phase I & II) Projects Change Order No. 6R in the amount of (-\$58,197.34) which includes all items in Change Order No. 6 and quantity revisions in the last month, the removal of Ash Street from Shamrock Street westerly, and a time extension

*Motion was made by Shackleford, seconded by Tauer to approve the Water & Sewer (Phase I & II) Projects Change Order No. 6R in the amount of (-\$58,197.34) which includes all items in Change Order No. 6 and quantity revisions in the last month, the removal of Ash Street from Shamrock Street westerly, along with a time extension. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Consider approving Water and Sewer (Phase II) Engineering amendments in the amount of \$22,100.00 (Water) and \$22,100.00 (Sewer).

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackleford and carried to approve the Water and Sewer (Phase II) Engineering amendments in the amount of \$22,100.00 (Water) and \$22,100.00 (Sewer). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Consider amending Item "T" from the August 13, 2012 meeting minutes to correct the Water Pay Package (Phase II) from \$317,564.64 to \$280,552.55.

*Motion was made by Shackleford, seconded by Cayer to amend Item "T" from the August 13, 2012 meeting minutes to correct the Water Pay Package (Phase II) from \$317,564.64 to \$280,552.55. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- R. Consider amending Item "U" from the August 13, 2012 meeting minutes to correct the Sewer Pay Package (Phase II) in amount of \$126,845.66 to \$100,201.26.

*Motion was made by Shackleford, seconded by Tauer to amend Item "U" from the August 13, 2012 meeting minutes to correct the Sewer Pay Package (Phase II) in the amount of \$126,845.66 to \$100,201.26. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- S. Consider approving Water (Phase I) Pay Package in the amount of \$2,676.00.

*Motion was made by Shackleford, seconded by Tauer to approve Water (Phase I) Pay Package in the amount of \$2,676.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- T. Consider approving Water (Phase II) Pay Package in the amount of \$204,749.61.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackleford to approve Water (Phase II) Pay Package in the amount of \$204,749.61. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- U. Consider approving Sewer (Phase II) Pay Package in the amount of \$265,248.77.

*Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackleford to approve Sewer (Phase II) Pay Package in the amount of \$265,248.77. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- V. Discuss and Consider Restoration of Old Gas Plant Site.

Community Development Director Brown addressed the City Commission reviewing the proposal from the EPA regarding restoration of the Old Gas Plant Site. He noted both the Planning Commission and Park & Recreation Committee had weighed in on the project.

Commissioner Shackleford expressed desire to see some local vegetation be placed in this area. The City Commission agreed the area was not big enough for parking and agreed with the placing of the rocks to prevent illegal dumping in this area. Further discussion of this matter took place.

City Manager Erickson noted with the direction from the City Commission City Staff would work with the EPA on the restoration of this area. Further discussion of this matter took place.

W. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Local Street Paving Project will start tomorrow with 31 Fire Hydrants being replaced.
- \*Pavement milling will start Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- \*The City of Ironwood received a score of 330 for the Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Project. The City will be working toward improving that score with additional information.
- \*US2 MDOT Project is moving forward for 2014/2015 construction and City Staff will be meeting with MDOT and the businesses this week to discuss access management.
- \*Norrie Park Play Structure has been ordered with set up to be first week of October.
- \*Timber Sale #2 is going out for rebid.
- \*City Wide Clean Up will be this Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 a.m.

X. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit)

Mayor Corcoran expressed her disappointment with the removal of the prayer from the meeting and was excited to see some of the projects coming to an end with final restoration.

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

There were none.

Z. Adjournment.

***Motion*** was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk