

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held by a Zoom Webinar on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

A. Mayor Burchell called the Public Hearing and meeting to order as a remote participation meeting as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor at 5:30 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Commissioner Mildren, Commissioner Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

B. Recording of the Roll.

The following members who were in attendance indicated the physical location from which they were remotely participating in the meeting was as follows: Commissioner Cayer (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), Commissioner Corcoran (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), Commissioner Mildren (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), Commissioner Semo (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan), and Mayor Burchell (City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, State of Michigan).  
Absent: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Ironwood City Commission Meeting Work Session of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the December 14<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting minutes correcting and changing Commissioner Cayer as absent to present under item A. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren to approve the amended agenda removing item J. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.
2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending November 30, 2020 and the Cash and*

*Investment Summary Report month ending November 30, 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for November 2020. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

G. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three

There were none.

H. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Three Minute Limit)

Bridget Ruppel, of 137 W. Gogebic Street addressed the City Commission to ask where she could find out information about the grant improvements mentioned at the last meeting.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted the City of Ironwood has applied for this grant two (2) different years called the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. He urged her to call his office and talk with Tim Erickson to request her name to be added to the list of possible homes to be enhanced.

I. UPDATE: COVID-19 Response.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio addressed the City Commission stating Gogebic County will be rolling out the vaccinations for EMS and First Responders in the next 30 days. Nursing homes and Gogebic Medical Care Facility are on the list and will be administered by Walgreens.

Mayor Burchell requested a member from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department give the City Commission an update.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted the Federal Government passed and was signed by the President, a stimulus package to help small businesses, along with unemployment benefits. He also added there was new stimulus funding for small businesses called a survival grant and he would be forwarding the information on to our area businesses.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Discuss and Consider approving Pay Application #4 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2019 Local Street Paving Program in the amount of \$18,594.32.

This item was removed from the agenda.

## NEW BUSINESS

- K. Discuss and consider approving cost/ownership sharing Agreement with Gogebic Community College for a new reader board sign for GCC and the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.

*Motion was made by Mildren seconded by Cayer to approve the cost/ownership sharing Agreement with Gogebic Community College for a new reader board sign for GCC and the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider approving a Consent to Assignment with Eagle Waste & Recycling assigning the City of Ironwood refuse and recycling contract to Republic Services.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve a Consent to Assignment with Eagle Waste & Recycling assigning the City of Ironwood refuse and recycling contract to Republic Services. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and consider approval of Municipal Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Cayer to approve the Municipal Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider purchasing a new firewall device (WatchGuard Firebox M470) with 3-year license subscription

*Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Corcoran to approve the purchase of a new firewall device (WatchGuard Firebox M470) with 3-year license subscription. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Recognized Department of Public Works (DPW) and their snowplow drivers for responding so quickly during the holiday season. Everyone did an excellent job.
- \*DPW will be removing snow downtown starting Tuesday night.
- \*A work session for the audit will be prior to the first meeting in January at 5:00 p.m.
- \*Interior work continues at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center and it should be finished by the end of January.
- \*Congratulated Assessor/Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt on his retirement.

- P. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo noted the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park added a ½ mile loop, Southeast loop behind the DPW and UPS. The Friends of the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park are also vetting a sledding hill for the kids. Commissioner Semo added the candlelight ceremony and the

Friends of the Miners' Heritage Park's only fund raiser was a big success.

Commissioner Cayer and all the other Commissioners and Mayor thanked the City employees for all that they do and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Burchell commented on how nice it is to hear positive comments from visitors in our area. She also thanked the Historic Ironwood Theatre for running the lights on their sign during the holiday season adding a little sparkle to the town. She urged everyone to contribute to the many organizations and businesses struggling to survive.

Q. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk