

## **Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held via Zoom on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., along with a regular Show Cause Hearing at 5:25 P.M.

1. Mayor Burchell called the Show Cause Hearing to Order at 5:25 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

The following members who were in attendance indicated the physical location from which they were remotely participating in the meeting were 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).

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

3. Mayor Burchell opened the Show Cause Hearing at 5:28 P.M.
4. Show Cause Hearing: To discuss zoning violation by Tula Toilets and Septic, LLC, 500 W. Cloverland Dr., Ironwood, MI (52-16-483-080).

Community Development Director Tom Bergman explained to the City Commission the Show Cause Hearing was a finding of facts hearing. He further stated it gives the property owner the opportunity to state his case and show why he should not be held in violation of the current ordinance. Mr. Bergman also noted a petition was filed with the City of Ironwood by 23 residents expressing their dismay with the property located at the corner of Walnut and US2. It was further stated that the City Commission may order the property owner to come into compliance and direct the City Attorney to file a complaint with District Court.

Mr. William Leppala of Tula Toilets who owns the property informed the City Commission it was his mistake, and he has been trying to get a bid for a building and did not realize the ordinance had changed.

Carissa Mott-Cayer, 101 W. Birch Street felt it was a hardship to the property owner and stated here is a man looking for property to make a living and not living off the system.

Kathy Whitburn, State Farm, 460 W. Cloverland Drive addressed the City Commission stating the port-a-potties should not be housed in the open along the main corridor and further mentioned it is the responsibility of the business owner to check into the zoning prior to purchase.

Kathy Harma, of 503 W. Cloverland Dr. and Greg Pisani also expressed their dismay with looking at port-a-potties along the highway in their neighborhood. Additional comments were received.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the Show Cause Hearing at 6:00 P.M.

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A. Mayor Burchell called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

- \*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- \*2) Review and Place on File:
  - a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Meeting Minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- \*3) Approve Sale of:
  - a. Ironwood American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #5 – Poppies on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. American Legion Post 5 – Flags June 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion was made by Cayer, seconded by Corcoran 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 Corcoran to approve the amended Agenda with the noted changes. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

E. Update on COVID-19 Response.

Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio stated the Western UP Health Department continues with the vaccine clinics at the Memorial Building every Tuesday and, in the future, will be required to schedule an appointment with the Western UP Health Department in Bessemer, Michigan.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted each restaurant was contacted regarding the Restaurant Revitalization Program.

Finance Director Paul Linn just received word that the US Treasury issued their guidelines for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the City will have until 2024 to spend the funds.

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

Kathy Whitburn of 460 W. Cloverland Dr. again urged the City Commission to act on the zoning violation of Mr. William Leppala owner of Tula Toilets and Septic, LLC located on the corner of Walnut and US2.

Carissa Mott-Cayer, of 101 W. Birch Street questioned who she should talk with regarding zoning if her husband were to purchase property in the City of Ironwood. Community Development Director Tom Bergman informed her to call his department and he would be able to assist them.

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

There were none.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

H. Consider action on Show Cause Hearing for a zoning violation by Tula Toilets and Septic, LLC, 500 W. Cloverland Dr., Ironwood, MI (52-16-483-080).

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to order Tula Toilets and Septic, LLC, 500 W. Cloverland Dr., Ironwood, MI (52-16-483-080) to comply within 10 days or the City Attorney will take action in court.*

## **ROLL CALL:**

Yes (2): Commissioner Mildren and Semo.

No (3): Commissioner Corcoran, Cayer, and Mayor Burchell.

*Motion failed on a 2 to 3 vote.*

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to order William Leppala from Tula Toilets and Septic, LLC, 500 W. Cloverland Dr., Ironwood, MI (52-16-483-080) to comply within 30 days or the City Attorney will take action in court. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and consider awarding bid to Snow Country Contracting in the amount of \$132,724.30 for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Head Parking Lots and Connector Trail.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to award the lowest bid to Snow Country Contracting in the amount of \$132,724.30 for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Head Parking Lots and Connector Trail with an additional \$9,000 to be taken from the General Fund. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider approving an Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering for the project administration of a Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) grant project, to investigate the water service line material type for up to 1,700 water service laterals.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve an Engineering Service Agreement with Coleman Engineering for the project administration of a Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) grant project, to investigate the water service line material type for up to 1,700 water service laterals. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #1 for the Well #203 Rehabilitation Project.

*Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to approve Change Order #1 for the Well #203 Rehabilitation Project in the amount of an additional \$2,200.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider Norrie Street parking and centerline location (continued).

No action was taken.

- M. Discuss establishing an Ordinance to limit the number of dogs and cats allowed at a residence.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer to direct City Staff to draft an ordinance and schedule a City Commission work session to review different options. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- N. Discuss and Consider approving Notice of Intent Resolution #021-012, authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue revenue bonds for the Water Treatment Plant improvements.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve the Notice of Intent Resolution #021-012, authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue revenue bonds for the Water Treatment Plant improvements. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Discuss and Consider authorizing bids for installation of two (2) Variable Frequency Drives for the Jessievile Elevated Water Storage Tank.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize bids for installation of two (2) Variable Frequency Drives for the Jessievile Elevated Water Storage Tank. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

P. Discuss and Consider authorizing replacement of brakes on the 2015 Case 821E, #74 Loader in the amount of \$12,543.48 with Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to authorize replacement of brakes on the 2015 Case 821E, #74 Loader in the amount of \$12,543.48 with Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Manager's Report.

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

- \*City pavement striping contractor, PK Contracting will be painting centerline and fog lines this week.
- \*Miners' Park Group is working on preparing a new concrete slab for the garage that is being donated for Miners' Park storage.
- \*The Civic Center final punch list items, as well as any outstanding building issues are being discussed with the insurance company as they are working with their contractor.
- \*The concrete footings for the US2 entrance signs will be installed this week.
- \*Curry Park Campground is scheduled to open on May 17, 2021.
- \*The cemetery has been also scheduled to formally open on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- \*The Mt. Zion overlook gate has been opened for the season as well as the Norrie Park gate.
- \*Water system flushing will be completed this Wednesday.
- \*The City spring drop off went very well behind Public Safety. A thank you to Kim Corcoran, Jerry Finco and the City staff who volunteered to help at the event.
- \*Thank you to the Downtown First Friday organizers, master gardeners and the volunteers who helped clean-up the pocket park and downtown area this past Friday.

R. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo requested the City look into the answering machine message directing citizens to leave a message on the general voice mail.

Commissioner Cayer urged the Daily Globe to place an article regarding the complaint process for nuisance smells within the City of Ironwood.

Commissioner Mildren noted how he loves First Friday events downtown and urged everyone to get their vaccinations.

Commissioner Corcoran felt the clean up went very well and thanked everyone who participated.

S. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 P.M.  
Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk