

**Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held in person and via Zoom at 5:30 P.M., along with a Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M. on Monday, July 26, 2021.

1. Mayor Burchell opened the public hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.  
ABSENT: None.

3. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Article II, Dogs and Cats by adding Section 6-33 Limitation on number of dogs and cats and 6-34 Enforcement and penalties.

City Clerk Karen Gullan addressed the City Commission stating the Public Hearing on the above proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Article II, Dogs and Cats was noticed to receive public input on the above referenced Ordinance. She further noted that through the new Zoning Ordinances this will also be addressed. The proposed zoning ordinances states “the keeping of household pets, including dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, birds, hamsters, and other animals generally regarded as household pets is permitted as an accessory use in any Residential District. However, no more than three (3) dogs or cats, four (4) months of age or older, in any combination, nor more than a total of five (5) animals, shall be kept or housed in or at one (1) dwelling unit.”

The City Commission questioned if a person has more than a total of five (5) animals currently would they be grandfathered in. Community Development Director Tom Bergman stated he would get this clarified. The City Commission also liked the under six (6) months of age not four (4). Further discussion of this matter took place, and it was decided to wait until the zoning ordinance has been completed.

5. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:29 P.M.
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A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

- B. Recording of the Roll.

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 July 12.
- \*2) Review and Place on File:
  - a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of July 13.
  - b. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Special Meeting Minutes of July 5.
- \*3) Designate City Manager Scott Erickson as MML Convention Delegate, with alternate official being City Clerk Karen Gullan.
- \*4) Schedule a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:25 P.M. to hear comment on a variance request to construct more than one accessory building over 200 sq. ft. at 330 S. Marquette Street.

***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 Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

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 June 30, 2021, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for June 30, 2021. 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 June 2021. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Consider approval of Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$429,794.53 (Water - \$227,702.62, Sewer - \$202,091.91) for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$429,794.53 (Water - \$227,702.62, Sewer - \$202,091.91) for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest bid to Smily’s Excavating for 3,000 tons of 22A gravel at \$9.00/ton for a total amount of \$27,000.00.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to award the lowest bid to Smily’s Excavating for 3,000 tons of 22A gravel at \$9.00/ton for a total amount of \$27,000.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest bid to Tiziani Sand & Gravel for 2,000 tons of winter sand at \$8.49/ton for a total amount of \$16,980.00.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to award the lowest bid to Tiziani Sand & Gravel for 2,000 tons of winter sand at \$8.49/ton for a total amount of \$16,980.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and Consider authorizing final pay application to RAM Construction Services for the Ironwood Memorial Building and Mausoleum Tuck Pointing Project in the amount of \$23,072.00.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Cayer to authorizing final pay application to RAM Construction Services for the Ironwood Memorial Building and Mausoleum Tuck Pointing Project in the amount of \$23,072.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- M. Discuss and consider acceptance of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund funding, estimated by the Michigan Department of Treasury to be \$509,736, and approve City Manager to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund funding, estimated by the Michigan Department of Treasury to be \$509,736, and approve City Manager to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Manager’s Report.

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

- \*The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Project is coming to a closure. There will be a soft opening on August 4<sup>th</sup> allowing the public to tour the facility and then later in August there will be the grand opening dedicating the building.
- \*The local street project has started on McLeod along with Ayer Street. This project will conclude within approximately four (4) weeks.
- \*The Mt. Bike Trail Head Project has finished with the parking lots and connecting the Iron Belle Trail to the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.
- \*Compost side chipping will conclude at the end of the week. The City will be doing some clean up along with reviewing future compost processes.
- \*First Friday in two (2) weeks will be featuring a local band called the "Superior Horns & Blue Ice".

O. Other Matters.

The City Commission gave a huge salute to Will Corcoran and Keith Johnson on the success of Festival Ironwood. "They hit it out of the park", said the City Commission.

Mayor Burchell also thanked the Chamber of Commerce, other supportive organizations, and the countless volunteers for their part in Festival Ironwood and said how attractive and vibrant the City of Ironwood has become. Additional comments were received.

P. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 P.M.*

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk