

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. and 5:25 P.M. on Monday, September 13, 2021.

1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:20 P.M.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo and carried to excuse Commissioner Cayer from tonight's meeting.

2. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Cayer (excused).

3. Public Hearing: To hear comments relative to the condemnation of the stairwell structure at 420 McLeod Avenue, Ironwood, MI.

Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt gave a Power Point presentation regarding the stairwell structure at 420 McLeod Avenue in Ironwood. Mr. Hewitt noted the stairwell was separating from the building and was a hazard. A brief discussion on this matter took place, no public comments were received.

4. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:28 P.M.

1. Mayor Burchell called the public hearing to order at 5:28 P.M.

2. Public Hearing: To hear comments relative to the condemnation of a structure at 110 E. Birch Street, Ironwood, MI.

Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt addressed the City Commission and gave a Power Point presentation on a structure located at 110 E. Birch Street. Mr. Hewitt stated there were holes in the roof, the front porch was falling, and the foundation was failing.

Melissa Olson of 106 E. Birch Street addressed the City Commission via zoom stating she looks at this structure from her kitchen window every day and appreciated that the City Commission was looking at condemning the structure. No additional public comments were received.

3. Mayor Burchell closed the public hearing at 5:33 P.M.

A. Mayor Burchell called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Cayer (excused).

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

- *1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a. Pat O’Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2021.
 - b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021.

***Motion** was made by Corcoran, seconded by Semo 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 Mildren and carried to amend the agenda under item M. as follows: M. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #021-024 acceptance of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Project Agreement for the Norrie Park Renovation and Montreal River Water Trail and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents and change item K. water amount to \$5,288.51.*

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

G. PRESENTATION: Chris Larson, P.E. – HDR Consultants
(RE: Water Treatment Plant Update)

Chris Larson, P.E. with HDR Consultants gave a Power Point Presentation updating the City Commission on the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Larson noted HDR Consultants were halfway through the design phase and was looking to bid the project out in January 2022. Further discussion of this matter took place.

H. PRESENTATION: Community Development Director Tom Bergman
(RE: Comprehensive Plan Review and Planning Commission – Annual Report)

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission stating as a part of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, the City of Ironwood is required to do an Annual Report of the activities of the Planning Commission as well as a review of the status of the Comprehensive Plan. A review of the plan allows the city to evaluate the necessity of updating other aspects of the plan such as the Downtown Blueprint Plan.

The City Commission also questioned Mr. Bergman on future broadband capability for new businesses. Mr. Bergman discussed with the City Commission the Rural Digital Opportunities Fund (RDOF) for the Upper Peninsula (Highline Internet).

OLD BUSINESS

I. Consider declaring a public nuisance and order condemnation for the removal of a stairwell structure at 420 McLeod Avenue.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to declare a public nuisance and order condemnation for the removal of a stairwell structure at 420 McLeod Avenue. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

J. Consider declaring a public nuisance and order condemnation of a structure at 110 E. Birch Street.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to declare a public nuisance and order condemnation of a structure at 110 E. Birch Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Consider approval of Change Order No. 3 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of (\$271,427.07) (Water – \$5,288.50, Sewer - (\$276,715.58)) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran to approve Change Order No. 3 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of (\$271,427.07) (Water-\$5,288.51, Sewer – (\$276,715.58)) and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

L. Discuss and consider approving pay application #2 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2021 local street paving project in the amount of \$445,377.27.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve pay application #2 to Angelo Luppino, Inc. for the 2021 local street paving project in the amount of \$445,377.27. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #021-024 acceptance of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Project Agreement for the Norrie Park Renovation and Montreal River Water Trail and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Corcoran, seconded by Mildren and carried to adopt Resolution #021-024 acceptance of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Project Agreement for the Norrie Park Renovation and Montreal River Water Trail and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

N. Discuss and consider Appeal of Marihuana Establishment Ordinance Rubric Scoring by Cultivatd LLC.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to affirm the City Manager's decision to deny the appeal of Cultivatd LLC. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Discuss and consider awarding demolition bid for 400 E. Tamarack Street to Fahrner Excavating in the amount of \$20,061.00.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to award demolition bid for 400 E. Tamarack Street to Fahrner Excavating in the amount of \$20,061.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

P. Manager's Report.

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

- *Clean Up Day is Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd.
- *Bridges & Bluffs, half marathon/relay, 2 mile run, 2 mile walk is Saturday, September 25th.
- *The Gary Engstrom Family donated a person/dog water bubbler that was recently installed in Depot Park.
- *Gogebic Community Mental Health "Stamp Out Stigma" Walk is being held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the VFW.
- *The playground north of US2 by Zion Church will be done soon.
- *Chamber of Commerce Appreciation will be held at the Aurora Club on Tuesday Evening starting at 5:00 P.M.. Representatives from Kwik Trip will be there.
- *Water System Flushing will begin on Sunday, October 3rd through Thursday, October 7th.
- *The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center grand opening will be on Saturday, October 2nd.
- *First Friday in October will be Plaidurday.
- *Compost site looks amazing.

A brief discussion took place on changing the next meeting to the auditorium to allow for attendance due to COVID ramping up. The City Commission agreed to hold the next meeting in the auditorium.

Q. Other Matters.

Commissioner Corcoran requested City Staff do a periodical monitor compliance of the Marihuana Establishments.

Commissioner Mildren stated it has been a beautiful summer.

Commissioner Semo noted he has seen several new people in Ironwood over the summer months.

R. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Annette Da Lio-Burchell, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk