

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on December 26, 2007 at 5:30 P.M., along with a Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M. and 5:20 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Noren opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment regarding Ordinance No. 463, Book 4, an Ordinance to amend Article Section 34-32 – “Map” of chapter 34 – Zoning Code of the City of Ironwood. The map herein is amended and changed to depict the following described property from R-1 (single family residential) to R-2 (multi-family residential), namely
 - 627 Pabst Street
 - 119 Hibbert Street
 - 123 Hibbert Street
 - 127 Hibbert Street

Planning Commissioner Chairman John Wyssling addressed the City Commission regarding Ordinance No. 463, Book 4 amendment. He stated these properties would be changed from R-1 (single family residential) to R-2 (multi-family residential). He further noted these homes would be removed and incorporated into the same zoning as the Josephson’s Nursing Home. No comments were received from the public on this matter.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:16 P.M.

Commissioner Toth arrived at 5:18 P.M. and Commissioner Burchell arrived at 5:19 P.M.

1. Mayor Noren opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to a \$24,000 USDA Rural Development Grant for a patrol vehicle and two warning sirens.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission regarding the purchase of the second patrol car and two (2) warning sirens through a USDA Rural Development Grant. He further stated the grant is in the total amount of \$24,000 representing 40% of the total estimated cost. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M.
- A. Mayor Noren called the Regular Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 P.M.
 - B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Burchell, Laabs, Toth, and Mayor Noren.
ABSENT: Commissioner Lamb (Excused).

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*
 - *1) Approval of Minutes – December 10th Regular City Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes of December 3rd.
 - *2) Award bid to John Dragish for surplus property at 429 E. Pine Street in the amount of \$209 plus related legal fees.
 - *3) Approve adding the words “the City Charter” to the Rules of the City Commission under F, Miscellaneous, Section 2.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Laabs to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- D. Receive and Place on File from Finance Director.
 - 1. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures.
 - 2. Monthly Cash Reports.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Laabs and carried to approve the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for month ending November 2007 and receive and place on file the Monthly Cash Report.

- E. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell and carried to approve the Agenda as amended adding a plaque presentation to former City Commissioner John Kasieta for his years of service.

- F. PLAQUE PRESENTATION: Members of the Planning Commission.
(RE: Brain Lindquist and Scott Stephens) and former City Commissioner John Kasieta.

Planning Commission Chairman John Wyssling presented plaques to Scott Stephens for 2 years of service and Brian Lindquist for his 21 years of service on the Ironwood Planning Commission.

Mayor Noren presented former City Commission member John Kasieta also with a plaque for his term of office as a City Commissioner serving the residents of the City of Ironwood.

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

James Albert, of 133-135 W. Aurora Street reserved his right to address the City Commission under item H.

NEW BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider awarding bid to Landmark Appraisal Company for the reappraisal of the City of Ironwood in the amount of \$214,500.

James Albert, of 133-135 W. Aurora Street questioned where Landmark Appraisal Company was from. City Assessor Dennis Hewitt addressed him stating Landmark Appraisal is a downstate firm who specializes in reappraisal work.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Laabs and carried to postpone the award to reappraise the City of Ironwood until the next regular meeting pending additional information from staff.

- I. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson gave a verbal report on the following:

- *Acknowledged the Street crews for the excellent job they are doing plowing the City streets.
- *Announced Sledfest starts next week with the return of Ice Oval Racing and an X-Game Qualifier event.

- J. Other Matters. (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Laabs requested the population figure in the State of Michigan letter rating the City of Ironwood be corrected. City Manager Erickson informed the City Commission he would be responding to the letter regarding this figure and others.

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

Steve Buda, of 623 Cloverland Drive requested a letter be drafted regarding the rebuilding of his home due to Bank financing because it is currently zoned highway commercial.

City Attorney Cossi felt in his opinion this matter is a zoning issue and a letter will not solve the problem. He suggested this matter be referred back to the Planning Commission. Further discussion of this matter took place.

L. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Burchell, seconded by Toth and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk