

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on July 9, 2007 beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

A. Mayor Noren called the meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Adams, Kasieta, Koivisto, Toth, and Mayor Noren.
ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

- *1) Approval of Minutes – June 25th Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, August 13th at 5:15 p.m. to consider the abatement of public nuisances (blight) at the following locations:
 - 712 Sutherland Street
 - 110 Mill Street
 - 144 Ridge Street
- *3) Adopt Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Model Harassment Policy and Sample Reporting Forms (Policy #07-002).

Motion was made by Kasieta, seconded by Adams to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Koivisto and carried to amend the agenda to include F1. Schedule Public Hearing for Monday, July 23rd at 5:20 p.m. to discuss and consider a use variance request submitted by Dr. Stan Gresham.

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

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

F. Informational Update on the 2006 CDBG Project Schedule.

City Manager Scott Erickson reviewed the 2006 CDBG Project North of US2 with the City Commission stating it was completed before the deadline on June 15, 2007. He further noted this project was original a two year project in which phase I was to be completed by October 9, 2006. Mr. Erickson stated extra work was needed and snow played a part in going over the Phase I date but the City Commission agreed the final blacktop would be finished the following year. Further discussion of this matter took place.

F1. Schedule Public Hearing for Monday, July 23rd at 5:20 p.m. to discuss and consider a use variance request submitted by Dr. Stan Gresham.

Motion was made by Kasieta, supported by Koivisto and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, July 23rd at 5:20 P.M. to discuss and consider a use variance request submitted by Dr. Stan Gresham.

G. City Manager's Appointment.

Manager Erickson recommended re-appointment of Kathryn Probelske of 520 W. Cloverland Drive to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a 5-year term (term expiring June 30, 2012).

Motion was made by Koivisto, supported by Adams and carried to accept City Manager Erickson's appointment of Kathryn Probelske to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a 5-year term (term expiring June 30, 2012).

H. Mayor's Appointment.

Mayor Noren re-appointed Elaine Erickson and appointed George Goerig to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority for 4-year terms (term expiring June 30, 2011).

Motion was made by Adams, supported by Kasieta and carried to approve the Mayor's appointments of Elaine Erickson and George Goerig to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority for 4-year terms (term expiring June 30, 2011).

I. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson verbally gave his manager's report noting the following:

- *Gave the City Commission the status of the Skateboard Park. He noted 11 sites were rated with a location north of the Hiawatha being #1 and across from Ironwood Public Safety Department (IPSD) being #2.
- *Renaissance Faire is scheduled for this weekend at Norrie Park. City Manager Erickson thanked the individuals who have helped and contributed to the community.
- *VFW Street Dance is also this weekend from 6 P.M. to 1 A.M.
- *Festival Ironwood is scheduled for July 18-22, 2007.
- *Lowell Street Project is moving along very well and is on schedule.
- *Ayer and Luxmore Street currently has a detour and encouraged residents to go around.
- *Department of Transportation (DOT) Bridge Project has started on BR2.
- *The Deer Hunting Group will be meeting July 19th at 7:00 A.M.
- *Muriel Fitzgerald from Milwaukee, Wisconsin donated \$500 toward the skateboard park.
- *Thanked Chad Novascone and Juvenile Court Work Group for all their hard work in reclaiming the sidewalk project.
- *DPW Street crews are busy patching streets.

J. Commissioner Comment. (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Adams questioned Staff regarding the houses being auctioned by Gogebic County. Building Inspector/Assessor Dennis Hewitt noted four (4) of the homes would be torn down by the City of Ironwood.

Commissioner Kasieta requested the City Commission receive information about major projects in the future. He particularly was interested in procedures and costs of major projects.

Commissioner Koivisto thanked Dave Peite for all his efforts in putting on the VFW Dance this weekend. Encouraged volunteers to contact Rick Albert to help with putting up and tearing down for the Renaissance Faire. Commissioner Koivisto informed the City Commission and those present that he would be resigning at the end of the month due to accepting a job in Alaska. He truly has enjoyed everyone he has served with and the people of the City of Ironwood.

Commissioner Toth noted in the Michigan Municipal League Review there was an article on benefit cost accounting and questioned if this will affect the City of Ironwood. Finance Director Frederickson noted the City of Ironwood has been pre-funding and should be ok.

Mayor Noren questioned Staff regarding the hours at Longyear Park and if they were working. He congratulated David (Jake) Edwards on his Law Enforcement Certificate. Mayor Noren encouraged everyone to attend the great events being held in Ironwood over the next few weeks.

Everyone thanked and applauded Commissioner Koivisto for dedicating his time to serve on the Ironwood City Commission.

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

Pastor Rouse from Lighthouse Faith Church addressed the City Commission regarding drive-in movies to be conducted at the old Colonial on Greenbush on Friday evenings. He also mentioned this coming Saturday there would be a Christian Concert. Pastor Rouse noted the concert would be finished by 10:00 P.M.

Edna Tatham of 814 VanBuskirk Rd. questioned the size of the skateboard park slab. City Manager Erickson noted the concrete slab would be 50 x 100.

Steven Frank of 212 E. Oak questioned City Staff regarding the status of the old Rats Nest, Videoland, City News Building, and City dumpsites. The appropriate City Staff addressed all issues.

L. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Kasieta, seconded by Koivisto and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk