

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on June 25, 2007 at 5:30 P.M., along with Public Hearings at 5:15 P.M. and 5:20 P.M. in the 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 relative to an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Certificate filed by Burton Industries, Inc. d/b/a Burton Industries, 1260 Wall Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

Attorney Dave McDonald from Jacobs, McDonald, Silc, & Fauerbach, P.C. addressed the City Commission introducing Gary Burnett and Mark Leman from Burton Industries, Inc.. Mr. McDonald mentioned the cost of the new 10,000 square feet addition was just under \$900,000 and would preserve employment along with the addition of new employees. Currently Burton Industries, Inc. employs approximately thirty (30) employees. He further stated this is an exemption for only twelve (12) years on real property. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:27 P.M..
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2. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to an application for Exemption of New Personal Property under Act 328 from Burton Industries, Inc. d/b/a Burton Industries, 1260 Wall Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

Attorney Dave McDonald addressed the City Commission stating Act 328 is a recently adopted tax relief act developed by the State of Michigan to encourage long-term investment. He further stated it is very difficult for companies to stay ahead of the foreign markets. This is a tax exemption for only fifteen (15) years on newly purchased personal property. Further comment was received.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 P.M.
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A. Mayor Noren called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 11th Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of May 24th.
- *3) Award bid to Signature Ford in the amount of \$20,047.00 for a new Police Package Squad Car for the Public Safety Department.
- *4) Authorize advertisement requesting bids for Smoke Alarms to be purchased by funds received from a FEMA Firefighters Grant Program.

James Albert of 135 E. Aurora Street requested the City Commission remove item *1) Approval of Minutes – June 11th Regular City Commission Meeting and move it to the regular agenda.

*Motion was made by Kasieta, supported by Koivisto to approve the Consent Agenda as amended removing item *1) Approval of Minutes – June 11th Regular City Commission Meeting and place it on the regular agenda under item H1. 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 Adams, seconded by Kasieta and carried to approve the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for month ending May 2007 and to receive and place on file the Monthly Cash Report.

- E. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Kasieta and carried to approve the regular Agenda with the addition of K1. Schedule Public Hearing for Monday, July 23rd at 5:25 p.m. to discuss and consider a dimensional variance request submitted for the Shepski residence at 742 E. Leonard Street and F1. AUDIENCE: Kathy Richards owner of Kathy Richards Management Inc. who requested to be placed under audience.

- F. AUDIENCE: Joyce Richmond, 206 W. Ridge Street.
(RE: Animal complaints about her property).

Mr. Richmond addressed the City Commission regarding the ongoing complaints against his family regarding animal complaints.

Commissioner Adams informed the City Commission there is a single woman who feels she is being held hostage in her own home because of the barking dogs.

Kitty Colassacco of 811 N. Lawrence Street thanked the City of Ironwood for their quick response to the situation. She felt the family at 206 W. Ridge Street has tried to respond in a positive way. Mrs. Colassacco felt the neighbors were willing to help with mowing of the grass but other issues still need to be addressed regarding the grounds of the home. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Kathy Richards addressed the City Commission regarding her support of the Towering Pines Project by the Hovey Company. She expressed the need for good quality housing for the Ironwood area. Further comments were received.

Debbie Bowles of 149 E. Francis addressed the City Commission regarding the enforcement of the City of Ironwood Ordinance. Mayor Noren suggested City Staff review the Ordinance and will allow citizens to make comments under item “N. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda.”

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- H1. Approval of Minutes – June 11th Regular City Commission Meeting.

Motion was made by Kasieta, supported by Adams and carried to approve the minutes as presented with no changes.

James Albert requested the City Commission allow him to speak during this item. Jim Albert stated he wanted the minutes to reflect that the former City Manager Keith Johnson went to great lengths to support City Manager Erickson in making the offer to Moyle Construction regarding the Skateboard Park. No changes to the minutes were made.

- H. Consider approving an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Certificate filed by Burton Industries, Inc. d/b/a Burton Industries, 1260 Wall Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

Motion was made by Koivisto, supported by Kasieta to adopt Resolution #07-005 approving an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Certificate filed by Burton Industries, Inc. d/b/a Burton Industries, 1260 Wall Street, Ironwood, Michigan. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- I. Consider approving application for Exemption of New Personal Property under Act 328 from Burton Industries, Inc. d/b/a Burton Industries, 1260 Wall Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

Motion was made by Adams, supported by Kasieta to adopt Resolution #07-006 approving an application for Exemption of New Personal Property under Act 328 from Burton Industries, Inc. d/b/a Burton Industries, 1260 Wall Street, Ironwood, Michigan. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- J. Consider Resolution amending General Appropriations Act for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Finance Director Frederickson addressed the City Commission with several adjustments to the General Appropriations Act for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Finance Director Frederickson recommended to place in reserve \$15,000 for the Memorial Building Maintenance and \$10,000 for some Human Resource Work. Further discussion of this matter took.

Motion was made by Toth, supported by Koivisto to adopt Resolution #07-007 amending the General Appropriations Act for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 along with reserving \$15,000 for the Memorial Building Maintenance and \$10,000 for Human Resource Work. Unanimously passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

- K. Authorize Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Survey and Design of Alfred Wright Boulevard (McLeod Ave. to Lime Street).

City Manager Scott Erickson addressed the City Commission the City of Ironwood was successful in obtaining additional funding for the Alfred Wright Boulevard through the Local Jobs Today funding in the amount of an additional \$93,000 to help with the project costs. This project would be scheduled for construction in 2007-08. Further comment was received.

Motion was made by Adams, supported by Toth and carried to authorize Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Survey and Design of Alfred Wright Boulevard (McLeod Ave. to Lime Street).

- K1. Schedule Public Hearing for Monday, July 23rd at 5:25 p.m. to discuss and consider a dimensional variance request submitted for the Shepski residence at 742 E. Leonard Street.

Motion was made by Koivisto, supported by Kasieta to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, July 23rd at 5:25 P.M. to consider a dimensional variance request submitted by the Shepski's at 742 E. Leonard Street.

L. Manager's Report.

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

- *The second newsletter is being sent out with the tax bills this week.
- *Lowell Street Project started last week with removing street surface and sidewalks.
- *Luxmore/Ayer Street Project was bid out and Angelo Luppino was the successful bidder. This project will start after the 4th of July.
- *Park & Recreation Meeting will meet this week to review sites for Skateboard Park.
- *Over 200 letters were sent out regarding blight with several property owners complying. The ones that did not comply will be brought back to the City Commission for further action.
- *Tomorrow there will be a number of youth work in the City of Ironwood from Juvenile Court. Chad Novascone, Probation Officer is working with the youth to clear sidewalks from any dirt and debris.
- *City Manager Erickson reported to Commissioner Kasieta regarding non-metered users. He stated there are no residents according to the City records who are not metered.

M. Commissioner Comment. (Five-Minute Limit).

Commissioner Toth thanked Kathy Richards for her comments.

Commissioner Koivisto noted it is hard to get everyone's comments in the minutes and he wished his comments would also make the newspaper or minutes.

Commissioner Adams requested the Dog Ordinance be reviewed. He suggested the number of dogs be better defined by City Staff and brought back to the City Commission for review.

Commissioner Kasieta requested the City Commission allow him to go over the allotted five (5) minutes of time to address the City Commission and staff. Commissioner Kasieta had several comments regarding the water project on Aspen Street. He questioned staff regarding the size of the water line. Utilities Manager Bob Tervonen noted the State of Michigan decides the size of the line and they allowed the City to install a six (6) line, which would be adequate for fire protection. Further discussion of this matter took place.

City Manager Erickson felt the water crew did an excellent job and the comments would be reviewed with the crews for future projects to make it easier the next time.

Mayor Noren felt the Curry Street project turned out nicely. Mayor Noren requested the City Manager review the previous contract and the deadline dates of the Curry Street Project. He also requested research be done to establish a speed limit on the ATV Trail.

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

Edna Tatham of 814 VanBuskirk Rd. expressed her concerns regarding the mowing of the cemetery. She also questioned if the area youth would be able to give input on the Skateboard Park.

City Manager Erickson addressed her issues regarding both the Cemetery and Skateboard Park.

Steven Frank of 212 E. Oak Street after a brief speech requested the City Commission investigate the actions of the City Manager, review of all contracts, deals, and practices during his tenure.

Jim Albert of 133 W. Aurora expressed his concerns regarding a building across the street from him, street sweeper sweeping a lot, and mowing the lawn at the pump station. Further comments were received.

Recognition was given to Alan for helping to pass the microphone around.

O. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Kasieta, seconded by Koivisto and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk

CITY COMMISSION RESOLUTION #07-007 AMENDING THE
GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT FOR FISCAL 2006-07

WHEREAS, at the June 12,2006 regular meeting, the City Commission did review and approve a General Appropriation Act for this Fiscal Year, 2006-07, and

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978 requires that a deviation from said appropriations act be approved by the local legislative body or by the City Manager within limits authorized in said act, and

WHEREAS, said appropriations act must now be amended because the actual revenues received and actual expenditures made deviate from the original act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the original General Appropriations Act is hereby amended and hereby appropriates City Revenues to be received and expended in the amounts and for the purposes as set forth below, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, serving as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, is hereby authorized and permitted, pursuant to Section 19 (2) of Act 621, to execute required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Act 691 all excess revenues for each fund, over and above those required to meet the City's expenditures, be separately appropriated to the applicable Fund Balance.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Amended Appropriation</u>
Property Taxes & Fees	\$1,390,232	\$1,390,232
Intergovernment Revenues	907,000	907,000
Investment Earnings	85,000	85,000
Rentals, Fees & Services	677,060	377,060
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*Total General Fund Revenues	\$3,059,292	\$2,759,292
Major Street Fund	\$1,522,178	\$ 822,178
Local Street Fund	532,527	532,527
Volunteer Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000
Building Inspection	38,183	38,183
Library Fund	147,037	184,883
CDBG Housing Grant	200,000	200,000
Neighborhood Preservation Program	000	100,000
Capital Improvement	165,345	165,345
Cemetery Fund	108,585	108,585
Economic Development	18,500	18,500
Civic Center Fund	163,000	163,000
DPW Equipment Fund	700,000	700,000
Water Utility Fund	2,239,826	1,989,826
Sewer Utility Fund	1,602,145	1,502,145
Downtown Development	14,122	14,122
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*Total Revenue All Funds	\$10,535,740	\$ 9,323,586

Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Amended Appropriation</u>
City Commission	\$ 30,150	\$ 30,150
City Manager	95,022	95,022
Elections	9,900	9,900
Finance Department	119,000	122,000
Treasurer	26,500	26,500
Assessor	42,591	44,591
Computer Info Systems	40,600	30,600
Clerk	118,239	120,239
Board of Review	1,735	2,735
Memorial Building	167,892	167,892
Other Fire Related Activities	57,555	57,555
Public Safety	1,044,663	1,044,663
Community Development	110,400	135,400
Code Enforcement	42,900	42,900
Sidewalk Program	1,100	1,100
Street Lighting	84,000	85,000
Other Sanitary Activities	25,300	25,300
Debt Service	45,000	45,000
Parks, Recreation	102,672	77,672
Insurance, Bonds	48,350	48,350
Labor Relations	14,000	14,000
Contingency Reserve	6,500	7,500
Appropriations to Other Funds	825,223	525,223
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AYES: (5) Commissioner Toth, Adams, Kasieta, Koivisto, and Mayor Noren.

NAYES: (0) None.

ABSENT: (0) None.

Resolution Declared Adopted

I, Karen M. Gullan, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the City of Ironwood, and do further certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the City of Ironwood City Commission, at its Regular Meeting.

KAREN M. GULLAN, CITY CLERK