

Proceeding of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 26, 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.

Mayor Noren asked everyone to remain standing after the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance to hold a moment of silence for the remembrance of Cody Southwell a student from Ironwood High School and pray for the recovery of the other three victims in the recent vehicle accident from the past week.

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 – March 12th Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of January 18th.
 - b) Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of Dec 19th and Jan. 16th.
- *3) Approve sale of:
 - 1. Disabled American Veterans “Forget-Me-Not Flowers” – May 10th –11th.
- *4) Schedule a public hearing for Monday, April 23, 2007 at 5:20 p.m. to inform the public of the results of the Infrastructure Project #MSC 2040047-PW.
- *5) Authorize advertisement for bids on the Lowell Street improvement project.
- *6) Authorize submittal of MDOT grant application for the reconstruction of Greenbush Street from US 2 to Margaret Street.

Motion was made by Koivisto, seconded by Kasieta to accept 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.

Finance Director Frederickson gave a brief report of the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures report for the month ending February 28, 2007. She noted February was still in the black, the General Fund was doing good, street funds were under budget, and the equipment fund was slightly down. Further comment was received.

Commissioner Koivisto reaffirmed the equipment fund was an internal fund. Commissioner Adams questioned when the City bills the State for plowing of Major and Local Streets. Finance Director Frederickson noted the State is billed promptly and usually paid in a timely manner.

Motion was made by Kasieta, seconded by Toth and carried to approve the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for month ending February 28, 2007 and to receive and place on file the Monthly Cash Report.

E. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Koivisto, seconded by Kasieta and carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

G. Consider Resolution adopting Ordinance No. 460, Book 4 an Ordinance to amend the "Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan, Chapter 17 Entitled (Nuisances).

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Adams to adopt a Resolution approving Ordinance No. 460, Book 4 an Ordinance to amend the "Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan, Chapter 17 Entitled (Nuisances). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Consider Resolution declaring May 5, 2007 as "Make a Difference in your Community Day".

Motion was made by Adams, seconded by Kasieta to adopt Resolution 07-003 declaring May 5, 2007 as "Make A Difference in your Community Day".

I. Manager's Report.

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

- Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 23rd and 24th. The North side of Ayer Street will be picked up on Monday and the South side of Ayer Street will be picked up on Tuesday. These are the only two (2) days.
- City Wide Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 19th where residents can bring their white goods and other debris.
- Field Trips were conducted down at the Department of Public Works with help from Joe Magdziak. The Mayor and City Clerk also conducted a tour to third graders from Our Lady of Peace Christian Academy. Manager Erickson noted a lot of good questions were received.

J. Commissioner Comment.

Commissioner Adams supports the May 19th Clean Up Day and felt with the new blight ordinance in effect hopefully residents would take advantage of this day.

Commissioner Kasieta noted now that the snow is disappearing the vacant lots should be observed since they are being used for dumping areas. He further noted even the City of Ironwood owned lots. Mr. Kasieta requested the Finance Director look into the expense of the new heaters at the UPS Building.

Commissioner Koivisto questioned the process of cooperation between the Hurley Police Department and Ironwood Public Safety Department. Public Safety Director Robert Erspamer responded by stating if there is an imminent threat of a police officer and he felt it works out for both departments. He also thanked Alan Traczyk for helping with the microphone.

Commissioner Toth requested an update on the Alfred Wright Blvd. Project. City Manager Erickson informed the City Commission the funding is set for 2009 from the DOT and City Staff will be working to get it earlier.

Mayor Noren requested Ironwood Public Safety get out the speed sign because of the additional spring traffic.

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

Janet Coleman of 400 S. Suffolk Street addressed the City Commission regarding her dissatisfaction with Ironwood Public Safety in her recent report of their stroller being missing. Mayor Noren informed the City Commission that Robert Coleman, Janet's husband had talked with City Manager Erickson regarding this matter.

Steven Frank of 212 E. Oak Street expressed his concerns about a brush pile that was unattended and burned by the City of Ironwood in Norrie Park.

The DPW Working Foreman Joe Magdziak and City Manager Erickson responded to the concern and thanked Mr. Frank for his observation.

M. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Kasieta, seconded by Koivisto and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk