

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on November 26, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. took place in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan

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

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Burchell, Laabs, Lamb, Toth, and Mayor Noren.

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes – November 12th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of November 15th.

b) Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of October 16th.

*3) Awarding lowest bid to Michigan Police Equipment Company for Bullet Proof Vests in the amount of \$5,445 for the Public Safety Department. A 50% grant was awarded to IPSD last month from the Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Partnership for the purchase of the vests.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell 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.

Questions were received by Finance Director Frederickson from Commissioner Laabs, Burchell, and Toth regarding the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures and the Monthly Cash Reports.

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

E. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth to amend the agenda to include M1. Consider Closed Session to review the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME and IPPA. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

F. AUDIENCE

(RE: Presentation – Sledfest).

Dee Gee Pawlicki from the Western U.P. Convention & Visitor Bureau gave a presentation to the Ironwood City Commission on the Sledfest Event being held in the Western U.P. of Michigan from January 4-13, 2008.

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

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Appoint two Commissioners to review draft proposal from the Sports Hall of Fame Committee for the use of the Women's Club Room.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Lamb and carried to allow Commissioner Laabs and Commissioner Lamb to meet with the City Manager and the Sports Hall of Fame Committee to review the draft proposal for the use of the Women's Club Room.

- I. Discuss and Consider loaning the Memorial Building pool handicapped lift for the pool at the Gogebic Community College.

Motion was made by Mayor Noren, seconded by Laabs and carried to allow City Manager Erickson to meet with the Gogebic Community College to see if the lift meets their criteria and if so contact City Attorney Cossi to draft an agreement to bring back to the City Commission for their approval.

- J. Discuss and consider extending the snowmobile trail from the end of Greenbush to the Ironwood Township line during the WPSA Snocross event on December 15th, 16th, and 17th held at the Gogebic Community College.

Motion was made by Laabs, seconded by Lamb and carried to approve the extension of the snowmobile trail from the end of Greenbush to the Ironwood Township line during the WPSA Snocross event on December 15th, 16th, and 17th held at the Gogebic Community College.

- K. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson gave a verbal report on the following:

- *Winter taxes will be going out this week.
- *The audit has been completed and will soon be reviewed with the City Commission.
- *Meeting has been scheduled with MDOT for December 10, 2007 to review the draft plans for the Alfred Wright Blvd. project.
- *Walgreens construction, Mattson Family Chiropractic addition, Day Dream Donut Shop, and the restaurant in the old Pizza Hut building are underway.
- *City Commission Workshops have been scheduled for 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 3, 2007 and 5:30 P.M. on Monday, December 17, 2007.

- L. Commissioner Comment (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Laabs questioned the date of the upcoming Civic Center Meeting.

Commissioner Toth noted Jack Frost Tickets are available and encouraged everyone to attend the Jack Frost Parade on December 7, 2007.

Mayor Noren congratulated the Public Safety Officers Brandon Snyder and Jamie Chiapuzio who aided in saving someone's life along with a by stander. He also thanked Administrative Assistant Liz Sweeney for writing the grant for the Public Safety's bulletproof vests.

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

There were none.

- M1. Consider Closed Session to review the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME and IPPA.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Lamb to consider Closed Session at 6:20 P.M. to review the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME and IPPA. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Laabs to return to open session at 7:29 P.M.

N. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Laabs and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk