

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on October 22, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

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

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Adams, Kasieta, Key, Toth, and Mayor Noren.

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda*

- *1) Approval of Minutes – October 8th Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes for September 20th.
 - b) Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of Sept. 5th & Oct. 3rd.
- *3) Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, November 26th at 5:20 P.M. to inform the general public about the \$24,000 USDA Rural Development Grant for a patrol vehicle and two warning sirens.
- *4) Awarding lowest bid to Northwood Paving for 200 Ton of cold patch mix in the amount of \$46.60 per ton.
- *5) Approve and authorize City of Ironwood to enter into a License Agreement with the Hope Animal Shelter to utilize City owned property.
- *6) Approve placing the new Zoning Ordinance out for the required 45 day public review/comment period as recommended by the Ironwood Planning Commission.

Steven Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street requested item *1) be removed and placed on the regular agenda.

***Motion** was made by Kasieta, seconded by Adams to approve the Consent Agenda as amended removing items*1) Approval of Minutes – October 8th Regular City Commission Meeting and place it on the regular agenda under E1. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Receive and Place on File from Finance Director.

- 1. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures.

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

E. Approval of the Agenda.

***Motion** was made by Kasieta, seconded by Key and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

E1. Approval of Minutes – October 8th Regular City Commission Meeting

Steven Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street requested this item state citizen comments.

City Attorney A. Dennis Cossi noted there is nothing that states the minutes had to be verbatim of citizen's comments; in fact they should only show the motions. A brief discussion of this matter took place.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Key and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

- F. AUDIENCE: Local Veterans.
(RE: Presentation).

The American Legion Post #5 gave a presentation on the meaning of the flag and the pledge of allegiance along with a demonstration of how to fold a flag.

- G. AUDIENCE: Ron & Marlene Zaleski, Wah Da Bong District Boy Scouts of America.
(RE: Certificate of Appreciation).

Ron & Marlene Zaleski representatives from the Wah Da Bong District Boy Scouts of America presented the City Commission with a certificate of appreciation for letting them use Norrie Park.

- H. PRESENTATION: To Pat Merrill.
(RE: Service to the City of Ironwood).

A presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation was given to Community Development Director Pat Merrill for his outstanding dedication and service to the citizens of the City of Ironwood.

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

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

- J. Updates of the following Departments:
 - *Public Works
 - *Water & Sewer
 - *Blight Enforcement

DPW Working Foreman Joe Magdziak, Utilities Manager Bob Tervonen, and Blight Enforcement Officer Travis Smeed gave a verbal report on recent activities of their departments.

- K. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson gave a verbal report on the following:

- *Fahrner Asphalt out of Plover, WI was delayed and will be starting later this week.
- *The bid opening for 20 fire hydrants will be re-bid in the spring.
- *City Staff recently toured other facilities in Hayward and Ashland, Wisconsin regarding the new computerized SCADA systems.
- *IPSD smoke detectors were a success.
- *A meeting was hosted last week regarding the National Park Service extension to the North Country National Scenic Trail system from New York to North Dakota. He noted a local group is being created to assist the Park Service in their planning efforts.
- *44 Deer have been taken during the 2007 Comprehensive Deer Management Bow Hunt Season.
- *City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 8 to 2 p.m. for last minute Absent Voter Ballots.

City Manager Scott Erickson drew for the three (3) bucks to be taken out of City Limits. The three (3) individuals selected were Shad Cricks, Dave Martin, Jr., and Justin Lehto.

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

The City Commission thanked other fellow City Commissioners and Community Development Director Pat Merrill for his service along with those candidates who are running for City Commission wishing them good luck.

Commissioner Adams requested respect of the American Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance stating it was those servicemen who defended this country that gave us our rights for freedom of speech. Further comment was received.

Commissioner Key thanked the City Commission and citizens for allowing him to serve on the City Commission, but because of his out of town commitments he would be unable to serve another term. Mr. Key outlined some of the challenges he saw and urged everyone to be kind to one another. Further comment was received.

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

Comments and questions were received by the City Commission from Steven Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street, Lou Bonagura of 247 Pine Street, Robert Coleman, of 400 S. Suffolk Street, and Jim Rayner, of 137 Gogebic Street.

N. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Kasieta, seconded by Key and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk