

### Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on October 8, 2007 at 5:30 P.M., along with two (2) Public Hearings at 5:10 P.M. and 5:20 P.M. in the City 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 the results of Infrastructure Project Number MSC205046-ICE (North of US-2).

City Manager Scott Erickson addressed the City Commission regarding the water main replacement project north of US2 on Greenbush and Curry Street. He noted this project was completed approximately \$30,000 under budget and turned out very well. Mr. Erickson also noted the public hearing is a formality for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). No public comments were received.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:13 P.M.
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1. Mayor Noren opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To review and hear comment relative to a \$130,178 CDBG-Facade Improvement Grant, Project Number 200701-CAT (Phase II).

City Manager Erickson gave a brief overview on the CDBG-Facade Improvement Grant stating Phase I is currently moving forward. He noted there are nine downtown businesses participating in Phase II according to the Community Development Director Pat Merrill for a total project cost of approximately \$260,000, which includes an owner's match of \$130,178. Mr. Erickson noted this is a very nice facelift for the downtown area. No public comments were received.

3. Close Public Hearing.
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- A. Mayor Noren called the Regular 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 – September 24<sup>th</sup> Regular City Commission Meeting.
- \*2) Review and Place on File:
  - a) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes for September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- \*3) Awarding bid to City of Wakefield for the sale of a 2100 Series Vactor in the amount of \$42,000.

*Motion was made by Kasieta, seconded by Key to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Adams, seconded by Key and carried to amend the agenda to include E1. Audience: Michele Anzalone, Coordinator of The Big Read Committee (RE: The Big Read).*

E. Audience – Randy Kirchhoff, Hope Animal Shelter  
(RE: Permission to use City owned property.)

Mr. Kirchhoff addressed the City Commission to inform them with previous City approval kennels were placed on City owned property. Mr. Kirchhoff requested the City of Ironwood continue their use of this property for snowplowing and to construct an additional area for a 1,000 sq. ft. dog run. City Manager Erickson proposed a License Agreement be drafted and presented at the next regular meeting for City Commission approval. Further comments were received; no action was taken at this time.

E1. Audience - Michele Anzalone, Coordinator of The Big Read Committee  
(RE: The Big Read).

Michele Anzalone on behalf of the Big Read Committee requested the City of Ironwood proclaim the month of October as The Big Read. She informed the City Commission the three libraries of Wakefield, Bessemer, and Ironwood came together last spring and wrote a grant funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. She further noted this grant was to promote literacy in all ages and the book the Grapes of Wrath was selected. Ms. Anzalone encouraged everyone to participate stating books can be picked up at the local library. Further comment was received.

Mayor Noren proclaimed the month of October 2007 as the Big Read in Ironwood, Michigan and urge his fellow citizens to observe this month by connecting with friends, fellow employees and relatives and with religious, school and civic groups to participate in reading The Grapes of Wrath.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

G. Consider Resolution (#07-013) authorizing city staff to apply for a \$130,178 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Downtown Facade (Phase II).

*Motion was made by Adams, seconded by Key to adopt a Resolution (#07-013) authorizing city staff to apply for a \$130,178 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Downtown Facade (Phase II) and that the Mayor Bruce Noren be appointed as the City of Ironwood's authorized signatory. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

H. 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.

I. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson gave a verbal report on the following:

- \*Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt currently being done with 23 hunters participating and 11 deer taken.
- \*Public Safety Ladder Truck is being worked on and is available for viewing tonight at the Public Safety Department.
- \*Fahrner Asphalt will be in town the end of this week.
- \*Bids will be opened October 17<sup>th</sup> for Fire hydrant replacement.
- \*Walgreens Project will be starting this week with some lane closures in the westbound lanes.

J. Commissioner Comment. (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioners questioned staff regarding State Revenue Sharing, Cemetery Fund, Building Permits, and rumors of dispatching costs increasing through 911.

The City Commission thanked all the volunteers who have been working on the donated ladder truck.

Mayor Noren and Commissioners requested recognition be done for Community Development Director Patrick Merrill for all his help in securing grant monies. Further comments were received.

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

The City Commission and staff received questions and comments from Jim Albert of 133-135 W. Aurora Street, Lou Bonagura of 247 Pine Street, Steven Frank of 212 E. Oak Street, and Scott Sturzl of 511 Bundy Street.

L. Adjournment.

*Motion was made by Kasieta, seconded by Toth and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk