

### Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on April 14, 2008 at 5:30 P.M., along with two (2) 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 5:15 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to the condemnation of a structure at 305 South West Street, property owner Robert Eschbach.

Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt addressed the City Commission regarding the condemnation of a structure located at 305 South West Street, Ironwood. Mr. Hewitt gave a power point presentation on the property with present and past pictures. He noted the structure was not safe and would need to come down. Chris Mullineux, of 201 Bundy and Jim Pertile and his son, of 497 South West Street addressed the City Commission with their concerns stating the structure was dangerous and was concerned with the safety of children and others. Further comments were received.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
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1. Mayor Noren opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to the condemnation of a structure at 1100 E. Cloverland Drive, property owner Tilda Niemi.

Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt continued with his power presentation regarding 1100 E. Cloverland Drive property. Mr. Hewitt further noted there are several large holes in the roof where the structure is exposed to the elements. Gary Kusz, of 1132 E. Cloverland Drive, who has lived in the area, stated nothing has been done to this structure for over 25 years. Further comments were received.

3. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:27 P.M.
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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 Burchell, Laabs, Lamb, Toth and Mayor Noren.  
ABSENT: None.

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

- \*1) Approval of Minutes – March 24<sup>th</sup> Regular City Commission Meeting.
- \*2) Review and Place on File:
  - a) Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> & Special Meeting of March 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- \*3) Scheduling a Public Hearing for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to introduce Ordinance No. 465, Book 4 an Ordinance to vacate Sepplan Street east of First National Street and the alley that runs north south and bisects Blocks 1 and 2 of Assessor's Plat No. 13.

- \*4) Scheduling a Public Hearing for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:10 p.m. to introduce Ordinance No. 466, Book 4 an Ordinance re-zoning 501 Wilson from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Highway Commercial).
- \*5) Approve declaring City owned property along French Town Road, part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ (4 acres, Tax ID #2752-23-301-020) to be declared surplus and authorize advertisement for bids with a minimum bid of appraised value, plus survey costs, and other related legal fees.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell to amend the consent agenda removing item \*5) Approve declaring City owned property along French Town Road, part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ (4 acres, Tax ID #2752-23-301-0200) to be declared surplus and authorize advertisement for bids with minimum bid of appraised value, plus survey costs, and other related legal fees by placing it under New Business N1. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell, and carried to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Commissioner Laabs commenting under other matters on Item N1 and Mayor Noren requesting to address the City Commission regarding his trip to Lansing.*

E. WELCOME: Dan Peterson, Community Development Director

The new Community Development Director Dan Peterson addressed the City Commission thanking them for welcoming him at the recent event at Tacconelli's in Ironwood. He further stated their support shows the City Commission is committed to their community and community development.

F. AUDIENCE: David Jacob Edward, IPS Officer  
(RE: Emergency Tactical Response Team)

Chris Voyer, Iron County Sheriff's Deputy addressed the City Commission stating no individual department can afford to do this Emergency Tactical Response Team alone. They have trimmed the budgets down to approximately \$2,000 per department and with proper training they will be able to respond quickly. He further noted each department is responsible for outfitting their own departments with the \$2,000 to go through the free training provided by the FBI.

Jake Edwards, Ironwood Public Safety Officer addressed the City Commission thanking them for their support of the Emergency Tactical Response Team. He noted the money has purchased uniforms, technical headsets, and was earmarked for other types of training in the future. Ironwood Public Safety Department was able to secure for the team helmets from the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department. Further comments were received.

Mayor Noren and City Commissioners thanked local law enforcement for taking the lead to develop the Emergency Tactical Response Team for our communities.

G. PRESENTATION: Joe Magdziak, DPW Working Foreman.  
(RE: Year End Report).

DPW Working Foreman Joe Magdziak verbally gave his Year End Report along with future projects.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and Consider authorizing condemnation of a structure at 305 South West Street, property owner Robert Eschbach.

Commissioner Laabs questioned staff regarding the cost for removal of the condemned building. Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt informed him the estimated cost would be approximately \$11,000 to \$12,000.

*Motion was made by Laabs, seconded by Lamb authorizing condemnation of a structure at 305 South West Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider authorizing condemnation of a structure at 1100 E. Cloverland Drive, property owner Tilda Niemi.

Commissioner Laabs again questioned Building Inspector Hewitt on the cost of removing the structure located at 1100 Cloverland Drive. He noted the estimated cost would be approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Laabs authorizing condemnation of a structure at 1100 E. Cloverland Drive. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Approve adopting Ordinance No. 464, Book 4, an Ordinance providing for the amendment to the "Code of Ordinances", City of Ironwood, Michigan, "Chapter 34, (Entitled "Zoning") by adding a new section, which new section shall be designated as section 34-476 to 34-485 of Article X (Entitled Planned Unit Development").

*Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb to adopt Ordinance No. 464, Book 4, an Ordinance providing for the amendment to the "Code of Ordinances", City of Ironwood, Michigan, "Chapter 34, (Entitled "Zoning") by adding a new section, which new section shall be designated as section 34-476 to 34-485 of Article X (Entitled Planned Unit Development") upon recommendation of the Planning Commission. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Scheduling a Public Hearing for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:20 p.m. to consider re-zoning and introduction of Ordinance No. 467, Book 4 an Ordinance regarding establishing a R-1 (Single Family Residential) overlay for the following C-3 (Highway Commercial) parcels:  
\*619 E. Cloverland Drive  
\*623 E. Cloverland Drive  
\*625 E. Cloverland Drive

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:20 p.m. to consider re-zoning and introduction of Ordinance No. 467, Book 4 an Ordinance regarding establishing a R-1 (Single Family Residential) overlay for the following C-3 (Highway Commercial) parcels:*

- \*619 E. Cloverland Drive  
\*623 E. Cloverland Drive  
\*625 E. Cloverland Drive*

- M. Approve Professional Service Agreement with Accurate Appraisal Company for the City Wide Reappraisal Services.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Laabs to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Accurate Appraisal Company for the City Wide Reappraisal Service and request they include in their agreement that a 100% performance bond be provided. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- N. Approve applications for federal assistance from Rural Development for the Jessieville Water and Sewer Project.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell to approve the applications for federal assistance from Rural Development for the Jessieville Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor Noren to sign same. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N1. Approve declaring City owned property along French Town Road, part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ (4 acres, Tax ID #2752-23-301-0200) to be declared surplus and authorize advertisement for bids with minimum bid of appraised value, plus survey costs, and other related legal fees

Commissioner Lamb requested this matter be submitted back to the Park and Recreation Committee for review. No action was taken.

- O. Discuss and Consider awarding request for proposal (RFP) for Consulting Engineering Services for the design of Greenbush Street to Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$22,454.00.

*Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Laabs to award the request for proposal (RFP) for Consulting Engineering Services for the design of Greenbush Street to Coleman Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$22,454.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Noren appointed Cory Gresham and Steven Frank to the Downtown Ironwood Development Corporation (DIDA), no specified terms were given. Mayor Noren also appointed Sam Davey III to the unexpired term of Dan Adams (term expiring January 2011) on the Recreation/Cultural/Life Enrichment Committee.

*Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Cory Gresham and Steven Frank to the DIDA (term expiring June 30, 2012 and 2011), along with the appointment of Sam Davey III to the Recreation/Cultural/Life Enrichment Committee (term expiring January 2011).*

- Q. Manager's Report

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

- \*Alfred Wright Blvd. project is moving forward. MDOT recently opened bids and the low bidder was Ross Peterson Construction with Ruotsala Concrete being a subcontractor. Project will begin after school ends and would be completed before school begins. Neighborhood meeting was held last week with several questions being asked.
- \*Wisconsin DOT will be holding an open house for the Norrie/Poplar Street Bridge Project over at the Iron County Highway Department on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.
- \*Make a Difference Day is scheduled for May 10, 2008 and Spring Clean Up Day Drop Off on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- \*Budget Workshop with the City Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- \*A Skate Board Park fund raising car wash is scheduled for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lahti Chevrolet Parking Lot. He encouraged everyone to attend.

R. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Laabs requested clarification on how surplus property is sold. Commissioner Laabs suggested placing the money received from surplus property into a road fund and earmarking it for street improvements.

City Attorney A. Dennis Cossi indicated that the City Commission could sell property by many different methods. Attorney Cossi suggested to the City Commission this item be discussed at the next Budget Workshop.

Mayor Noren addressed the City Commission and audience thanking Coleman Engineering for their efforts in obtaining the additional funding needed for the Jessieville Project. He noted Manager Erickson and he went to Lansing during a recent MML Convention and felt it was a successful trip. He further noted our representatives are very helpful and expressed the importance of meeting with them on a regular basis. Further comments were received.

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

Jim Albert, of 133-135 W. Aurora Street addressed the City Commission thanking them for condemning the requested buildings. Further comments were received.

George Goerig, of 202 W. Arch Street urged the residents to show support to the young people who are fundraising to help purchase skateboard park equipment by attending their carwash this Saturday, April 19, 2008.

T. Consider Closed Session to discuss the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME, Local 1538, Ironwood Professional Police Association Unions, and Quarterly Personnel Evaluation/City Manager.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth to enter into Closed Session to discuss the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME, Local 1538, Ironwood Professional Police Association Unions, and the Quarterly Personnel Evaluation/City Manager at 6:45 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

U. Return to Open Session.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth and carried to return to open session at 8:02 P.M.*

V. Adjournment.

*Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Laabs and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk