

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on February 11, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

A. Mayor Noren called 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 – January 28th Regular & February 1st Special City Commission Meetings.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 2nd.

b) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of January 24th.

*3) Authorize advertisement for bids for water system improvements to include chlorine room modifications, high lift pump replacement, and miscellaneous improvements.

*4) Award Request for Proposals (RFP) for Water System SCADA System improvements.

*5) Authorize advertisement for bids for 2008 Pavement Striping.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Laabs to approve the Consent Agenda as amended removing item *3) Authorize advertisement for bids for water system improvements to include chlorine room modifications, high lift pump replacement, and miscellaneous improvements and place it on the regular agenda under item E1, along with placing item *4) Award Request for Proposals (RFP) for Water System SCADA improvements under item E2. 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 amended adding Planning Commission opening under other business.

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

There were none.

E1. Authorize advertisement for bids for water system improvements to include chlorine room modifications, high lift pump replacement, and miscellaneous improvements.

Commissioner Laabs questioned staff regarding the chlorine room modifications and asked if this item was budgeted. City Manager Erickson confirmed the water system improvements were budgeted.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Laabs and carried to authorize advertisement for bids for water system improvements to include chlorine room modifications, high lift pump replacement, and other miscellaneous improvements.

E2. Award Request for Proposals (RFP) for Water System SCADA System Improvements.

A brief discussion took place regarding the price differences and what was included in each companies proposals.

***Motion** was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb to award the request for proposals for the Water System SCADA Improvements to Energenecs of Cedarburg, Wisconsin in the amount of \$189,750.00 with funding coming from the water utility fund. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

OLD BUSINESS

F. Discuss and Consider Awarding Bid for the City Wide Reappraisal.

A brief overview of the City Wide Reappraisal took place with the City Commission questioning representatives from Accurate Appraisal and Associate Appraisal. Both companies were from Wisconsin.

Jim Danielson from Accurate Appraisal stated they were hiring a level three Michigan Certified Appraiser and would do what ever it takes to get the job done. Further discussion of this matter took place.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Lamb to award the bid for the City Wide Reappraisal to Accurate Appraisal in the amount of \$148,500.00.*

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Lamb, Toth, Laabs, and Mayor Noren.
No (1): Commissioner Burchell

***Motion** carried on a 4 to 1 vote.*

G. Manager's Report.

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

- *Representatives from MSHDA will be here Thursday, February 14, 2008 to present Phase II of the Downtown Facade Grant.
- *Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 6-8 PM
- *Spring Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2008.
- *Make A Difference Day scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2008.
- *Blight Committee scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

H. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Toth requested the City advertise for a new Planning Commission Member. City Clerk Karen Gullan noted the City of Ironwood would be advertising for a Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Member, Park and Recreation Committee Member, and two (2) Planning Commissioner vacancies in the very near future.

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

James Albert, of 133-135 W. Aurora Street commended the City of Ironwood for placing the virtual tours of the Memorial Building on the City of Ironwood's website.

- J. Consider Closed Session to discuss the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME Local 1538 and Ironwood Professional Police Association Union.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth to enter into Closed Session at 6:05 P.M. to discuss the status of contract negotiations with AFSCME Local 1538 and Ironwood Professional Police Association Union. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Return to Open Session.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell and carried to return to Open Session at 6:34 P.M.

- L. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk