

### Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on February 25, 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 the 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 – February 11<sup>th</sup> Regular City Commission Meeting.

*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.

Finance Director Julie Frederickson addressed the City Commission regarding the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures and Monthly Cash Report for month ending January, 2008.

*Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Lamb, and carried to approve the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for month ending January 2008 and to receive and place on file the Monthly Cash Report.*

- E. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell and carried to approve the Agenda as presented.*

- F. PRESENTATION: Bob Erspamer, Ironwood Public Safety Director.  
(RE: Year End Report).

Ironwood Public Safety Director Bob Erspamer addressed the City Commission giving his Year End Report.

Mayor Noren and the City Commission recognized the Volunteer Fireman and the Ironwood Public Safety Department for all their hard work. They also expressed their appreciation for Director Erspamer's efforts and professionalism.

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

James Albert of 133 W. Aurora Street reserved his right to address the City Commission under Item I.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider payoff of M-TEC loans.

*Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Laabs authorizing the payoff of the M-TEC Loans using operational funds and/or fund balance in the amount of \$17,691. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Consider approving Resolution #08-001 Development of a four court Tennis Court System, #08-002 Development of Restrooms at Longyear Park and #08-003 Development of a Skateboard Park Grant applications.

After a brief discussion and concerns from a couple of residents Commissioner Toth requested the Resolutions be separated for approval.

***Motion** was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb approving Resolution #08-001 authorizing the submittal of a grant application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resource Land & Water Conservation Fund for the construction of four (4) Tennis Courts at a total estimated project cost of \$100,000 with a City General Fund Contribution of \$15,000.*

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

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

***Motion** was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell approving Resolution #08-002 authorizing the submittal of a grant application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation fund for the development of restroom facilities at Longyear Park at a total estimated project cost of \$65,000 with the General Fund contribution of \$15,000. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

***Motion** was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell approving Resolution #08-003 authorizing the submittal of a grant application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund for the development of a Skateboard Park at total estimated project cost of \$92,572 with the City General Fund contribution of \$15,000. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and Consider support letter for essential air service to the Gogebic-Iron County Airport.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell and carried to authorize staff to send a letter of support for essential air service at the Gogebic-Iron County Airport to Senator Stabenow, Senator Levin, and Congressman Stupak.*

- K. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Equipment meeting at DPW is scheduled for next week.
- \*Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Alfred Wright Blvd. Project has been submitted to MDOT for bidding purposes.
- \*2009 Bridge Project between Hurley and Ironwood on Poplar Street is on schedule.

- L. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Burchell introduced to the City Commission Mr. Shackelford who requested support to save public access to the Interstate Falls (Peterson Falls). Further comments were received.

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

James Albert, 133 W. Aurora Street complimented the City Commission on having open discussions.

N. Adjournment.

***Motion*** was made by *Toth*, seconded by *Lamb* and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk