

**Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission**

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on May 27, 2008 at 5:30 P.M., along with a Budget Public Hearings at 5:15 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan

1. Mayor Noren called Public Hearing to Order at 5:15 P.M..
2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Burchell, Laabs, Lamb, Toth, and Mayor Noren

ABSENT: None.

3. Mayor Noren open Public Hearing at 5:15 P.M.
4. Public Hearing: To hear comment relative to Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget. Schedule of Rate for the City Services and the Property Tax Millage Rate levied to support Proposed Budget.

Steven Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street requested the City of Ironwood look at a lower garbage rate when a new contract is negotiated for those residents who have a small amount of garbage.

Elaine Erickson, Carnegie Library Director, addressed the City Commission reminding the City Commission the Library is funded separate from the City of Ironwood budget. She further stated the Carnegie Library provides free access to information with no discrimination, provides services to those who otherwise could not afford internet etc. Further comments were received.

Louise Demasi, expressed her concerns about taxes and how the elderly can not afford it.

Annette Burchell, of 1200 E. Cloverland Drive and a member of the Friends of the Library also urged the City Commission not to cut the millage for the Carnegie Library, along with James Albert who supported no cuts to the current millage.

5. Mayor Noren closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 P.M.
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- A. Mayor Noren Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:40 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 – May 27<sup>th</sup> Regular City Commission Meeting.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- b) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2008.
- c) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- \*3) Scheduling Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) Public Hearings for June 23, 2008, 4:55 P.M. for the Gerald & Debra McGrath use variance and 5:05 P.M. for the Hope Animal Shelter dimensional variance.
- \*4) Scheduling Public Hearing for June 23, 2008 at 5:15 P.M. to introduce Ordinance No. 467, Book 4 an Ordinance to vacate that portion of Cleveland Street North of Florence Street that bisects the property located at 1700 Florence Street of Assessor's Plat No. 13.
- \*5) Scheduling a Public Hearing for June 23, 2008, 5:25 P.M. to hear comment relative to the results of Infrastructure Project Number MSC205046-ICE (North of US-2).
- \*6) Authorize advertisement for bids for 22A Grade Road Gravel (maintenance).
- \*7) Authorize advertisement for bids for demolition of structure at 114 S. Curry Street .
- \*8) Approve Resolution #08-010 entering into loan contract with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the City of Ironwood Category "F" Funded Project for the reconstruction work along Greenbush Street from Highway US-2 to Margaret Street; together with necessary related work, and authorize the Mayor Bruce A. Noren and City Clerk Karen M. Gullan to sign said contract.
- \*9) Consider designating Dan Petersen as the Zoning Administrator and Planning Director for the City of Ironwood.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell to amend the Consent Agenda removing item \*7) Authorize advertisement for bids for demolition of structure at 114 S. Curry Street by placing it under New Business JI. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda.

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

E. AUDIENCE: Ironwood City Commission Scholarship recipients Kerry Alyson Comparin and Stephanie Wing.

The Ironwood City Commission welcomed and congratulated Kerry Alyson Comparin and Stephanie Wing for being the first recipient to receive the Ironwood City Commission Scholarship.

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

George Goerig, of 202 W. Arch Street requested to address the City Commission under item J, Steven Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street under item J and M, and Keith Johnson, of 119 E. Michigan under item G.

OLD BUSINESS

G. Review and Consider Resolution approving an Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 including approving Budget establishment of the 2008-2009 Millage Rates for City Services and authorizing the collection of a 1% Tax Administration Fee.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell to adopt a Resolution approving an Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 including approving Budget establishment of the 2008-2009 Millage Rates for City Services authorizing the collection of a 1% Tax Administration Fee.*

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

*Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.*

H. Discuss Buda Property PUD Application (proposed Ordinance #467).

Community Development Director Dan Petersen addressed the City Commission noting the Planning Commission's recommendation was to deny the PUD Application and refund the \$200 Application Fee. Mr. Petersen further noted under the new proposed Zoning Ordinance there is language that would address legal non-conforming buildings to be rebuilt on the existing footprint. Further discussion of this matter took place.

*Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb to deny the PUD Application and refund the Buda's their \$200 application fee. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Consider formally referring proposed Sexually Orientated Businesses Ordinance, #468, Book 4, to the Planning Commission for integration into the proposed Zoning Ordinance Update.

*Motion was made by Mayor Noren, seconded by Lamb and carried to refer the proposed Sexually Orientated Businesses Ordinance #468, Book 4 back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and integration into the proposed Zoning Ordinance Update creating a blank to insert a location for the Sexually Orientated Businesses.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

J. Discuss and Consider donation of excess fill dirt to the Gogebic Range Trail Authority Snowmobile Club.

*Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Laabs to donate truckload for truckload matching other communities of fill up to 130 yards. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J1. Authorize advertisement for bids for demolition of structure at 114 S. Curry Street

Steven Frank of 212 E. Oak Street addressed the City Commission regarding the cost of demolition and suggested offering the property at no charge to buyers with the stipulation they must remove the condemned structures.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell and carried to authorize advertisement for bids for demolition of a structure at 114 S. Curry Street.*

K. Discuss and Consider commencement of Part A of Phase 1 of a proposed hiking trail, as proposed by the recreation committee, from Longyear Park through Riverside Cemetery North along the Montreal River.

No action was taken on this item pending a report from Staff. It was requested that a public hearing be held regarding the proposed trail by the Recreation Committee on Part A of Phase 1 of the proposed hiking trail from Longyear Park through Riverside Cemetery North along the Montreal River.

L. Discuss and Consider awarding the lowest bid to P.K. Contracting in the amount of \$12,575.00 for Pavement Marking.

*Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth to award the lowest bid to P.K. Contracting in the amount of \$12,575.00 for Pavement Marking. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and Consider accepting property at 334 S. Marquette Street from Joe Cavosie.

***Motion** was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell to accept the property at 334 S. Marquette Street from Joe Cavosie. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

N. Manager's Report

City Manager Scott B. Erickson verbally gave the manager's report noting the following:

- \*Construction season has started on the Alfred Wright Boulevard Project.
- \*Design work on Greenbush Street is nearing completion.
- \*Bids were received on the demolition of two structures (1100 E. Cloverland Dr. & 305 Southwest Street). Bids will be presented after the 60-day condemnation-waiting period has been completed.
- \*Bids are being solicited for a replacement squad car for IPSD and Memorial Building Facade Project.
- \*Walgreens is moving along nicely.
- \*Downtown Facade projects are moving slowly. Mattson's TV & Appliance is finishing up window replacement, Uptown Café and Creative Spirits has received MSHDA approval to proceed along with Vintage Inn and Fabric Patch.
- \*Welcomed Great Lakes Airlines.
- \*Renaissance Faire is scheduled for the weekend of June 21, 2008.

O. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Toth requested a Blight Update at the next meeting and Mayor Noren questioned the Welcome sign coming into Ironwood.

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

Several citizens had questions for the City Commission and staff, which were answered regarding the completion date for the fire hydrants project; Alfred Boulevard Reconstruction, Warning Sirens, street special assessment, and the bituminous walking trail along Alfred Boulevard.

Q. Consider Closed Session for Personnel Evaluation/City Manager.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell and carried to enter into Closed Session at 7:26 P.M. for Personnel Evaluation/City Manager. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Return to Open Session.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell and carried to return to open session at 8:30 P.M.*

S. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk

CITY COMMISSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2008 CITY TAX LEVY,  
AUTHORIZING A GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT FOR FISCAL 2008-2009,  
AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A 1% TAX ADMINISTRATION FEE.

At a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Ironwood held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008 in the Commission Chambers of the Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan, the following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Lamb, and supported by Commissioner Burchell.

WHEREAS, Act 621 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1978, known as the "Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act", requires that an Appropriation Act be passed by the City Commission authorizing the expenditure of City funds, and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14 (1) of said Act, the City Manager, as the Chief Administrative Officer has prepared and presented the City Commission with a budget; and

WHEREAS, the recommended budget includes the requirements of Section 15 (1) of said Act and is a balanced budget as required by Section 15 (2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 197 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1975, the Downtown Development Authority has submitted a budget request indicating their required revenues and expenditures for Fiscal 2008-2009 and

WHEREAS, Act 503 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1982 requires that the collection of a Property Tax Administrative Fee (PTAF) and a Late Penalty Fee (LPF) be by resolution of the governing body;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget for Fiscal 2008-2009 is hereby approved and the City Assessor and City Treasurer are hereby authorized to levy the following millage rates for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009:

General Fund	19.2000 Mills
General Fund-Library Fund	.9549 "
Police & Fire Pension Fund	6.5000 "
Memorial Building Renovation	2.1000 "
Civic Center	1.0000 "
TOTAL	29.7549 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Act 197, of the Michigan Public Acts of 1975, an amount equivalent to 1.94 mills is hereby levied against the C-2 Zoned Downtown Commercial District and appropriated for the financing of the Downtown Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 44 of Act 503 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1982, that the City Assessor and the City Treasurer be authorized to impose a 1% Property Tax Administrative Fee (PTAF) and a 3% Late Penalty Fee (LPF) and that a separate Activity account be established for pursuant to said Act, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, serving as Chief Administrative Officer of the City, is hereby authorized and permitted, pursuant to Section 19 (2) of Act 621, to execute transfers up to 30% between appropriations (budget centers); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charges for City Services for Fiscal 2008 - 2009 shall be as indicated in the attached Schedule A, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Appropriations Act hereby appropriates City Revenues to be expended in the amounts and for purposes as set forth below:

FUND:

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Description</u>	
Property Taxes & Fees	\$1,480,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	867,000
Investment Earnings	100,000
Rentals, Fees & Services	963,177
*Total General Fund Revenues	\$3,410,177
Major Street Fund	\$1,824,445
Local Street Fund	717,300
Volunteer Fire Dept.	9,500
Building Inspection	38,580
Library Fund	158,554
CDGB Housing Grant	60,000
Façade Grant	226,470
Capital Improvement	168,500
Cemetery Fund	100,536
Economic Development	15,000
Civic Center Fund	176,000
DPW Equipment Fund	675,000
Water Utility Fund	2,286,254
Sewer Utility Fund	1,569,600
Downtown Development Authority	17,050
Drug Enforcement Fund	3,750
*Total Revenues-All Funds	\$11,456,716

Expenditures

City Commission	\$ 30,100
City Manager	98,272
Elections	6,900
Finance Department	125,050
Treasurer	26,800
Assessor	92,773
Computer Info Systems	46,600
Clerk	131,139
Board of Review	1,895
Memorial Building	160,799
Other Fire Related Activities	36,675
Public Safety	898,550
Community Development	144,450
Code Enforcement	56,800
Sidewalk Program	500
Street Lighting	90,000
Other Sanitary Activities	17,600
Debt Service	45,000
Parks, Recreation	83,097
Insurance Bonds	64,352
Labor Relations	15,000
Contracted Services	7,500
Appropriations to Other Funds	1,230,325

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AYES: Commissioner Laabs, Lamb, Toth, and Burchell.

NAY: Mayor Noren.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted

I, Karen M. Gullan, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed acting and qualified Clerk of the City of Ironwood, and do further certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the City of Ironwood City Commission, at a Regular Meeting held June 9, 2008.

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KAREN M. GULLAN, CITY CLERK