

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 24, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. took place in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan

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 10th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a) Recreation, Cultural, Life Enrichment Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18th.

b) Ironwood Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of March 13th.

*3) Approve sale of:

1. D.A.V. Northland Chapter #66 “Forget-Me-Not Flowers” – May 8th & 9th.

*4) Approve Resolution #08-004 scheduling public hearings April 14th, at 5:15 p.m. to hear comments relative to condemnation of a structure at 305 South West Street and Resolution #08-005 at 5:20 P.M. for condemnation of a structure at 1100 E. Cloverland Dr.

*5) Approve Resolution #08-006 entering into loan contract with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the City of Ironwood Local Jobs Today Program for the reconstruction work along Alfred Wright Boulevard from Lime Street to Lowell Street and along Lowell Street from Alfred Wright Boulevard to McLeod Avenue and authorize the Mayor Bruce A. Noren and City Clerk Karen M. Gullan to sign said contract.

*6) Approve Resolution #08-007 entering into Advance Construction Contract with MDOT for the reconstruction work along Alfred Wright Boulevard from Lime Street to Lowell Street and along Lowell Street from Alfred Wright Boulevard to McLeod Avenue and authorize the Mayor Bruce A. Noren and City Clerk Karen M. Gullan to sign said contract.

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.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Burchell, and carried to approve the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for month ending February 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: Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk and Dennis Hewitt, Assessor/Building Inspector.
(RE: Year End Report).

Year End Report presentations were given by City Clerk Karen Gullan and Assessor/Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt.

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

George Goerig, Vice Chairman and Scott Stephens, Chairman of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center reserved their right to address the City during item H.

OLD BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider approval of ballot language for the August Primary Election to renew the previous one mill for operations at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for a period of four years from 2009-2012 inclusive.

George Goerig, Vice Chairman and Scott Stephens, Chairman of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center addressed the City Commission regarding their board and the dissention of whether or not the County Wide Millage would pass. He noted the Civic Center has recently hired a new manager and things are changing. Further comments were received.

The Ironwood City Commission thanked the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board for their efforts.

No action was taken at this time. The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board will bring this back to the City Commission at a later date if needed.

- I. Approve Contract with Accurate Appraisal Company for the City Wide Reappraisal Services.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Laabs and carried to bring this item back to the City Commission at their next regular meeting pending further information.

- J. Approve Engineering Service Contracts with Coleman Engineering for the Jessievile Water & Sewer Projects.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb to approve the Engineering Service Contracts with Coleman Engineering for the Jessievile Water & Sewer Projects. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- K. Discuss and Consider renewal of Meter Reading Contract to Xcel Energy with an increase of 2 cents per meter for the one year contract.

Motion was made by Laabs, seconded by Lamb to renew the Meter Reading Contract with Xcel Energy with an increase of 2 cents per meter for a one-year contract. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and Consider awarding lowest bid to HD Waterworks Supply the water meter reader programmer bid in the amount of \$7,700.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Lamb to award the lowest bid to HD Waterworks Supply for the water meter reader programmer in the amount of \$7,700. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Introduce 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 Toth, seconded by Burchell to introduce Ordinance No. 464, Book 4, and 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"). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Manager's Report.

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

- *The City of Ironwood weight restrictions are on.
- *The City budget process has started and a meeting with the City Auditors and City Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
- *A special Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 5:30 P.M.
- *A Skateboard Park fund raising meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at 4:00 P.M.
- *DIDA will be meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at noon.
- *A public informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the Iron County Highway Department regarding the Norrie St./Poplar St. bridge improvements scheduled for 2009 construction.
- *A public informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Memorial Building to review the Alfred Wright Blvd. project with the neighborhood and community.
- *An Open House to welcome the new Community Development Director, Dan Petersen will be held at Tacconelli's on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

O. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

There were none.

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

Louise Demasi, 400 Silver Street questioned the City Commission regarding the emergency plan and when it would be done. She informed the City Commission when she previously called 9-1-1 for an emergency call she was asked to clarify her address thinking it was Bessemer, Michigan instead of Ironwood. Further comments were received.

Steven Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street had several comments regarding the loss of students at our schools and urged the City Commission to promote home ownership. He also had questions for the City Commission regarding a new business located on Aurora Street.

Jim Albert, of 133-135 W. Aurora Street also questioned staff regarding issues with the construction of the roof located on the new business on Aurora Street. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Q. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk