

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on December 10, 2007 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 – November 26th Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of October 18th.
 - b) Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of August 21st & September 18th.
 - c) Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting of October 17th.
- *3) Reschedule the Regular City Commission meeting from Monday, December 24th to Wednesday, December 26th the next day after the Christmas Holiday.
- *4) Schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, December 26th at 5:10 P.M. to introduce Ordinance No. 463, Book 4 an Ordinance regarding re-zoning the following parcels from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) for Josephson Nursing Home, 634 E. Ayer Street:
 - 627 Pabst Street
 - 119 Hibbert Street
 - 123 Hibbert Street
 - 127 Hibbert Street
- *5) Schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, December 26th at 5:20 P.M. to accept public comment on the \$24,000 USDA Rural Development Grant for a patrol vehicle and two warning sirens.
- *6) Authorize request for proposals (RFP) for a new SCADA System for Pump Station improvements.
- *7) Approve declaring City owned property at 429 E. Pine Street (Lot 4, Block 1, Norrie Second Addition) surplus and authorize advertisement for bids with a minimum bid of \$200 plus related legal fees.
- *8) Approve lowest bid to Computer Doctors to purchase a new computer server in the amount of \$6,262.55.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Toth and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

E. PRESENTATION: To Public Safety Officers Brandon Synder, Jamie Chiapuzio and citizen John Virshek.
(RE: Recognition for outstanding response in saving a cardiac arrest victim).

Public Safety Director Bob Erspamer addressed the City Commission regarding a cardiac arrest victim who was saved by a citizen and two (2) Public Safety Officers. Director Erspamer noted citizen John Virshek was an important link in the saving the cardiac arrest victim's life. The two (2) Public Safety Officers recognized were Matt Sterbenz and Jamie Chiapuzio. Director Erspamer noted these officers would receive a life saving pin for their efforts in saving a persons life. Further comments were received.

- F. AUDIENCE: Jim Peterson, Snocross Committee Member.
(RE: Snocross event scheduled for December 15th & 16th).

Presentation was given by Jim Peterson updating the City Commission on the upcoming Snocross event scheduled for December 15th and 16th.

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

Howard Aspinwall of 824 Florence Street reserved his right to address the City Commission under item K.

NEW BUSINESS

- H. Presentation of the 2006-2007 fiscal year audit by Joki, Makela & Pollack CPA's and receive and place on file.

Dean Beaudoin, CPA outlined the audit for the City Commission. He stated the City of Ironwood had a clean audit. Further discussion of the audit took place.

Motion was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell and carried to receive and place on file the 2006-2007 fiscal year audit.

- I. Consider approving City Employee gratuity gift for the holiday season.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Toth to approve the City Employee gratuity gift for the holiday season in the amount of \$50. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider approval of revisions to the Rules of the City Commission.

City Attorney Cossi addressed the City Commission informing them in his opinion the qualifications are under Elective Officers, Section 3.5(c) City Commissioners shall be registered voters of the City of Ironwood and maintain their residence in the City during their term of office. He further stated that each City Commission could fill a vacancy, as long as they do it within 30 days according to the charter. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Motion was made by Laabs, seconded by Lamb to approve the revised Rules of the City Commission omitting Section 6. Filling a Vacancy until further discussions take place. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and consider temporary extension of the snowmobile trail from trail #2 to US2 along Lake Street during the snowmobile events on December 15th -16th, 2007 and January 4th - 13th, 2008.

Howard Aspinwall of 824 Florence Street voiced his concerns with the extension of Snowmobile Trail #2 to the Holiday Gas Station along Lake Street.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb and carried to temporarily extend the snowmobile trail from trail #2 to US2 along Lake Street to the Holiday Gas Station during the snowmobile events on December 15th-16th, 2007 and January 4th - 13th, 2008.

L. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Noren appointed Jackie Powers to the Downtown Ironwood Development Corporation (DIDA) (unexpired term of Pam Mack expiring June 30, 2009), Luann Korpi to the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board for a five-year term (term expiring December 31, 2012), Daniel J. Collins and reappoint Charles Lotzer for a three-year term (terms expiring October 31, 2010), along with the appointment of former Commissioner John Kasieta (unexpired term of Scott Erleborn term expiring October 31, 2008) on the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board of Trustees, Debbie Kimball Bowles and Jackie Powers to the Planning Commission for a three-year term along with the reappointment of Margaret Rayner (terms expiring December 31, 2010), and confirm the Erwin Township appointment of Sylvia Mussatti to the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board of Directors (term expiring December 31, 2012).

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Lamb and carried to approve the Mayor's appointments.

M. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson gave a verbal report on the following:

- *The City of Ironwood was successful in obtaining a Category F Economic Development Fund, Transportation Grant for the reconstruction of Greenbush Street from US2 north to Margaret Street.
- *City will be meeting with MDOT and UP Engineering regarding Alfred Wright Boulevard on Monday, December 10th.
- *Goal Setting Work Session is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. in the Women's Club Room, Memorial Building.
- *New Vector Truck was delivered to the Public Works Garage last week.

N. Other Matters.

Commissioner Laabs requested copies of all bids.

Mayor Noren questioned staff on how the new Ladder Truck was working out. Public Safety Director Erspamer responded by informing the City Commission the Ladder Truck is working out very well and has been used on several occasions.

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

Howard Aspinwall, 824 Florence Street expressed his concerns with the construction on Florence Street.

P. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Toth, seconded by Laabs and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk