

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on January 28, 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 – January 14th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of November 20th & December 18th.
- b) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of Sept. 28th & Oct. 26th.
- c) Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Meeting Minutes of November 29th.

*3) Authorize advertisement for bids to replace a camera used in the sewer department for televising sanitary sewer lines.

*4) Authorize advertisement for bids to replace the hand held auto-read programmer used for entering meter reading data into the billing system.

*5) Authorize Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering consulting services for the Greenbush Street (U.S. 2 to Margaret Street) reconstruction project.

*6) Authorize re-bid of fire hydrant replacement project (replacing 20 fire hydrants).

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 Laabs, seconded by Toth, and carried to approve the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for month ending December 2007 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 amend the agenda to include II. Authorize Submittal of Local Jobs Today Loan Application Form for the Alfred Wright Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

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

Tom Yelich, of 620 E. McLeod Ave., Ironwood reserved his right to address the City Commission under item G.

OLD BUSINESS

G. Consider request from the Sports Hall of Fame Committee for permanent use of the Women's Club Room in the Memorial Building.

After a brief discussion Sports Hall of Fame member Ron Trethewey stated he would bring this matter back to the membership for further review. No action was taken.

- H. Discuss and Consider awarding consulting Engineering Services to Coleman Engineering for the Jessievile Area Sanitary Sewer and Water Project.

***Motion** was made by Toth, seconded by Laabs to accept the City Manager's recommendation awarding the lowest bidder for consulting engineering services to Coleman Engineering for the Jessievile Area Sanitary Sewer and Water Project at an hourly rate not to exceed \$316,108. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and Consider Bids for the City Wide Reappraisal.

City Manager Erickson addressed the City Commission stating the City of Ironwood received four (4) bids and after some research the City Staff would bring back to the City Commission a recommendation.

- II. Authorize Submittal of Local Jobs Today Loan Application Form for the Alfred Wright Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

***Motion** was made by Laabs, seconded by Lamb to authorize Submittal of Local Jobs Today Loan Application Form in the amount of \$375,000 at 4% interest for the Alfred Wright Boulevard Reconstruction Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Manager's Report.

City Manager Erickson gave a verbal report on the following:

*Through the MSHDA Rehabilitation Program in the NPP District there are left over monies still available for this program. Assistant Community Development Director and Building Inspector/Assessor Dennis Hewitt will be placing an ad in the very near future to obtain new applicants.

*An informational meeting with downtown area businesses took place regarding the FACADE Grant. The facade improvements will be bid in February 2008 for spring construction.

- K. Other Matters (Five Minute Limit).

Commissioner Laabs suggested the City of Ironwood take out an ad to educate the public on non-working hours emergency numbers. Further discussion of this matter took place.

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

There were none.

- M. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Lamb, seconded by Burchell and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 P.M.*

Bruce A. Noren, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk