

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

A. Mayor Corcoran called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioners Andresen, Mildren, Korpela, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: Commissioner Semo (excused)

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

\*1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023.

b. Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2023.

c. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2023.

d. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023.

e. Human Relation & Equity Committee Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023.

*Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

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

*There were none.*

F. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit)

*There were none.*

### OLD BUSINESS

G. Discuss and consider awarding the 1-year Cemetery Grass cutting bid to Saari Lawn Service for a cost of \$6,975 per cut.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to award the 1-year Cemetery Grass cutting bid to Saari Lawn Service for a cost of \$6,975 per cut. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

H. Discuss and consider the Water Plant bids received.

*City Manager Anderson updated the Commission that bids came over budget and is working to obtain additional funding. The consensus of the Commission was to take no action on awarding bids until more information is received on additional funding.*

## NEW BUSINESS

I. Discuss and consider approval of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Commission Goals.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela to approve City Commission Goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and consider the approval of the Gogebic County Council of Veterans- 2023-2024 Fiscal Year appropriation request.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Gogebic County Council of Veterans- 2023-2024 Fiscal Year appropriation request in the amount of \$8,362. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for the 2023 Crack Sealing Project.

*Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpela, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the 2023 Crack Sealing Project.*

L. Discuss and consider authorizing bids for the Civic Center Sidewalk project.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the Civic Center Sidewalk project.*

M. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Ben Thompson to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority for a four-year term (term expiring June 30, 2026).

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ben Thompson to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority for a four-year term (term expiring June 30, 2026).*

N. Manager's Report.

*City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal update:*

- 1. Keep your shovel in shape for more snow this weekend. Our area is on pace to break 200" if this keeps up.*
- 2. The Memorial Building Fire Alarm system improvements bids were received on March 8<sup>th</sup> and are being reviewed.*
- 3. Coleman Engineering is working on the \$3MIL Lead Service Line replacement project bidding documents for this summer start of construction. Members of the public are receiving letters with temporary easements that are needed to perform the work on their property. Please return these back to us and let us know of any questions.*
- 4. Hemlock Street construction project from Broadway to US2 will be underway this summer starting in May. A neighborhood meeting will be held in early May.*
- 5. Downtown sewer main lining work will be happening this summer. A meeting will be held this spring prior to the start of construction with the effected businesses.*
- 6. The City is currently reviewing applications for our summer help job posting.*

7. *We are currently out to bid for paving and paving rehab work with the Gogebic County Road Commission. Bids are due on 3/20/23 at 10 a.m. to GCRC.*
8. *Other upcoming bids are the Lowell Street 65' sidewalk project, Curry Park phase 2 electrical upgrades, Civic Center sidewalk, Ironwood Crack Sealing, Ironwood Road Patching and others as time and resources allow.*
9. *Ironwood is submitting grant applications this week for Congressional Directed Spending funds from Senator Peters and Senator Stabenow as well as Congressman Bergman. Applications are being submitted for both the Fire Truck as well as improvements to the Carnegie Library.*
10. *The Board of Review public meeting process occurred last week. Any questions from the public, please contact Jason Alonen.*
11. *As mentioned before, the 100-year Anniversary of the Memorial Building is this year. We will be recreating the photo from its original dedication on Friday 7/7/23 in front of the building. We hope to make this event as special as possible with a large attendance, just as was done for the photo 100 years ago.*
12. *Our budgeting process continues this week. I am meeting with each of the department heads within the City to go over each department's budget requests. From there, we will be working on creating a balanced budget to bring forward to the City Commission at budget workshops on 4/10, 4/24 and 5/9.*
13. *Mayor Corcoran and I will be attending the Western Upper Peninsula Housing Partnership meeting on 3/22/23, in Hancock.*
14. *Both the Clerk and I will be gone for the next meeting on 3/27/23. Paul Linn will be acting as Clerk to take minutes for that meeting. Department heads will be able to contact me during my absence with immediately pressing issues.*
15. *We are moving quickly tonight to catch the end of the Ironwood Boys Basketball Regional game against Jeffers up in Houghton. Go Red Devils!*

O. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren wished to remind everyone to shovel their roofs before more winter weather comes later this week.

P. Adjournment.

**Motion** was made by Korpela, seconded by Andresen, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk