

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on March 27, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., along with a Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

1. Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing at 5:20 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: Tom Bergman, Community Development Director, briefly reviewed the Ironwood Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. Wendy Hicks asked questions on the need for the property boundary change. Tom Bergman answered Wendy's questions explaining the need for the boundary change is to be able to enhance that expanded area.
3. Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing at 5:31 P.M.

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A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:31 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioners Korpela, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: Commissioners Semo and Andresen (excused)

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023.

2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Housing Commission Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023.
- b. Ironwood Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023.
- c. Ironwood Carnegie Library Board Special Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023.
- d. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023.
- e. 2023 City of Ironwood Assessment Value Update.

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

E. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for February 2023. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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

*There were none.*

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

*Don Maki addressed the Commission stating that City taxes are going up, 50% of Ironwood residents are on social security and he would like the Commission to cut costs. Mr. Maki questioned the need for purchasing a new fire truck. A comment was also made with upcoming City retirements to hire Ironwood residents.*

- H. Presentation on the Ironwood Area Schools Bond Proposal- Travis Powell, Superintendent.

*Travis Powell presented information to the Commissioners and Public on the Bond Proposal for the Ironwood Area School District, which is on the ballot for the May 2, 2023 Special Election.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- I. Discuss and consider awarding the bid to Ruotsala Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$58,980.00 for the Margaret Street Culvert Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to award the bid to Ruotsala Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$58,980.00 for the Margaret Street Culvert Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the Fire Alarm System Project at the Memorial Building to ReForm Enterprises, in the amount of \$41,971.00.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to award the bid for the Fire Alarm System Project at the Memorial Building to ReForm Enterprises, in the amount of \$41,971.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- K. Discuss and consider approval of a gun show at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to approve a gun show taking place at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.*

- L. Discuss and consider authorizing the City to seek bids for the 2023 Road Patching Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the 2023 Road Patching Project.*

M. Discuss and consider authorizing the DPW to purchase 200 tons of emergency road salt from Compass Minerals for the remainder of the winter at a total cost of \$18,886.

***Motion** was made by Korpela, seconded by Mildren, to authorize the DPW to purchase 200 tons of emergency road salt from Compass Minerals for the remainder of the winter at a total cost of \$18,886. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

N. Discuss and consider authorizing the DPW to purchase 500 tons of early and 200 tons of back-up salt for the 2023-2024 Winter Season as part of the MiDEAL Road Salt Agreement with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to authorize the DPW to purchase 500 tons of early and 200 tons of back-up salt for the 2023-2024 Winter Season as part of the MiDEAL Road Salt Agreement with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren thanked the Ironwood Area Schools and Ironwood Carnegie Library for coming to the meeting and having great organizations. He also mentioned the upcoming performance, Second Samuel, to be held at Theatre North.

P. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 P.M.*

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk