

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on April 10, 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 Korpela, Mildren, Semo, Andresen and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: None

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

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

2) Review and Place on File:

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

b. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Special Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2023.

c. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023.

d. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023.

e. Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022.

3) Approve Sale of:

a. Ironwood American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #5 – Poppy's during the month of May.

*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 Andresen, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.

2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending February 28, 2023, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for February 2023.*

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)

*There were none.*

H. Presentation: Community Development Director Tom Bergman  
(RE: Comprehensive Plan Review and Planning Commission – Annual Report)

Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted as part of the Redevelopment Ready Community Program, the City of Ironwood is required to do an Annual Report of the activities of the Planning Commission as well as update the Commission on the plan to do a full review of the City's Comprehensive Plan. A full review of the plan allows the City of Ironwood to incorporate necessary updates to the Plan.

It was also noted that the Planning Commission has approved the Annual Report. No action was taken by the City Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*There was none.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- I. Discuss and consider authorizing the DPW to purchase a Sternberg decorative streetlight with cover from Graybar for \$5,949.20.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to authorize the DPW to purchase a Sternberg decorative streetlight with cover from Graybar for \$5,949.20. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider authorizing the City to seek bids for the 2023 DPW Garage Siding Project.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the 2023 DPW Garage Siding Project.*

- K. Discuss and consider approving Reimbursement Agreement with Gogebic County Road Commission for 2023 Paving Work and authorizing City Manager to sign.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Gogebic County Road Commission for 2023 Paving Work and authorizing City Manager to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider the purchase of 18 iTracker flow meters from Eastech Corporation at the cost of \$50,670.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the purchase of 18 iTracker flow meters from Eastech Corporation at the cost of \$50,670. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and consider approving Notice of Intent Resolution #023-005, authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue revenue bonds for the Water Treatment Plant improvements subsequent funding.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Notice of Intent Resolution #023-005, authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue revenue bonds for the Water Treatment Plant improvements subsequent funding. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #023-006, titled Fair Housing Resolution.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to adopt Resolution #023-006, titled Fair Housing Resolution, which is a necessary step to close out the City Square Project through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Community Development Block Grant. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Discuss and consider scheduling a Public Hearing for 5:15 P.M. on Monday, April 24, 2023, to hear comments on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Public Gathering Spaces Initiative Grant Application.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for 5:15 P.M. on Monday, April 24, 2023, to hear comments on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Public Gathering Spaces Initiative Grant Application.

P. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Tarun Patel to the Human Relations & Equity Commission to fill an unexpired four-year term (term expiring July 31, 2025).

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tarun Patel to the Human Relations & Equity Commission to fill an unexpired four-year term (term expiring July 31, 2025).

Q. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates

1. We are monitoring the river levels with all the warm weather this week. City staff are rebagging 5,000 old sandbags at public safety to have on hand in the case of a flood event.
2. The water plant subsequent funding discussed earlier in the meeting has been a top priority of projects.
3. Public Hearing for the Phase 5 Utility Project is scheduled for 5:20 PM on Monday April 24, 2023.
4. Coleman Engineering is working on the design of the \$3MIL Lead Service Line replacement project bidding documents. 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.
5. 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.
6. Downtown sewer main lining work will be happening this summer as well. A meeting will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> with the effected businesses.
7. Other upcoming bids are the Lowell Street 65' sidewalk project due 4/21, Jessieville Water Tank repairs due 4/13, Ironwood Crack Sealing due 4/28, Curry Park phase 2

*electrical upgrades, Civic Center sidewalk, Ironwood Road Patching and others as time and resources allow.*

8. *Staff are putting together a grant application for a CDBG Public Gathering Spaces grant through MEDC. This project, if successful, would replace many of sidewalks along BR2 between US2 and the Iron Belle Trail, provide lighting, and provide improvements along this stretch for gather spaces at Frederick Street and at the canon site. An agenda item will be on the 4/24/23 meeting for the commitment of the 10% local match funds.*
9. *Our budgeting process continues this week. Paul Linn is working on updating all the salaries and benefits into the budget. From there, we will be working on creating a balanced budget to bring forward to the City Commission at a budget workshop on 4/24 and 5/9.*
10. *Mayor Corcoran and I attended the Western Upper Peninsula Housing Partnership meeting on March 22, in Hancock. The Partnership is in its infancy, and we will be waiting for information to come out of that group as it is created and grown.*
11. *Anyone interested in Pickleball should check out the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center schedule for dates and times. Sounds like 10-2 M-F and Friday from 5-8PM.*
12. *This Thursday I am meeting w/ Mike Shouldice and the artist who put together the Gogebic County ski exhibit at Northern Michigan University. They are looking for a place in Ironwood to move the exhibit to know that it is done running in Marquette.*
13. *127 E Oak Street resident reported today that they are making progress on their blight cleanup. 205 N Curry was served with summons blight complaint on 4/4/23 and has 21 days before a hearing can be set for a motion to abate the nuisance. Public Safety and Code enforcement are working on identifying other properties now that the snow is melting.*
14. *Summer Help Hires includes Nick Anderson, Matthew DiGiorgio (rehire), Rukus Betlewski, Sol Lagalo, Tom Karnau (rehire). Compost site attendant rehire is Dan Nelmark. The people are in the process of filling out paperwork and a couple have started working by assisting in the sandbagging efforts.*

R. Other Matters.

Mayor Corcoran asked for an update on the Blight that was reported on Larch Street a few meetings ago. Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen stated that is one of the first places he will be checking with the snow melting. A second question was asked as to where people could best find the schedule of happenings at the Civic Center. It was determined that Social Media is the best option for learning Civic Center happenings.

Commissioner Mildren thanked the Historic Ironwood Theatre for showing movies as it is the only local place where families can go to the movies.

S. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 P.M.*

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk