

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on May 8, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., preceded by a public hearing at 5:15 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 5:15 P.M.
  2. City Manager Paul Anderson reviewed Ordinance Number 539, which will amend Ordinance Number 453, Book Number 4, and the “Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan,” Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-221, and Section 2-222, increasing the purchase thresholds from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for purchases requiring City Commission approval and \$10,000 to \$30,000 to require competitive bids. There were no comments from the public.
  3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:18 P.M.
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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 April 24, 2023.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2023.

b. Ironwood Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023.

c. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023.

d. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, 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. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.

2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending March 31, 2023, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for March 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).

*Britta Jiryes, commented on the speed of traffic on McLeod Avenue. Mrs. Jiryes stated she's been making a request for several years that the Public Safety Department do something about the speeding traffic.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- H. Discuss and consider awarding the bid to Scodeller Construction in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the Bituminous Crack Sealing Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to award the bid to Scodeller Construction in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the Bituminous Crack Sealing Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance No. 539, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 453, Book Number 4, and the "Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan," Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-221, and Section 2-222, regarding purchases.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to adopt Ordinance No. 539, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 453, Book Number 4, and the "Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan," Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-221, and Section 2-222, regarding purchases. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and acknowledge introduction of Ordinance No. 540, an Ordinance to amend Section 2.1-2, Zoning Map, Article 2, Division 1, Zoning Districts and Map, of Ordinance Number 537, to rezone 335-337 W. Northland Avenue from R-1 Residential to R-2 Multi-Family Residential.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Semo, and carried, to acknowledge introduction of Ordinance No. 540, an Ordinance to amend Section 2.1-2, Zoning Map, Article 2, Division 1, Zoning Districts and Map, of Ordinance Number 537, to rezone 335-337 W. Northland Avenue from R-1 Residential to R-2 Multi-Family Residential.*

- K. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the Department of Public Works Loader with Plow and Wing to Miller-Bradford Equipment for a Case 721GZB Loader with Plow and Wing in the amount of \$319,200.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to award the bid for the Department of Public Works Loader with Plow and Wing to Miller-Bradford Equipment for a Case 721GZB Loader with Plow and Wing in the amount of \$319,200. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and consider the Structure Demolition Incentive Program.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to change the Demolition Incentive Amounts to the following: Shed/Accessory Unit \$300; Single Stall Garage \$800; Two + Stall Garage \$1,000; Mobile Home \$2,000; Single Story Home \$2,500; Two Story Home \$3,000, with all projects requiring pre-approval by the City Staff. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

M. Discuss and consider approving Compost Site Fees for 2023.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to waive fees for pick up truck and small trailer loads of brush, sticks and branches for residents and no longer allow non-resident use of the Compost Site. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

N. Discuss and consider approving the Up-N-Smoke Land Lease Agreement.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Up-N-Smoke Land Lease Agreement. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Discuss and consider approving the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Liability and Property Pool annual Insurance Coverage Proposal for \$170,903.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Liability and Property Pool annual Insurance Coverage Proposal for \$170,903. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

P. Discuss and consider authorizing the City to seek bids for the 2023 paving project.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried, to authorize the City to seek bids for the 2023 paving project.*

Q. Manager's Report.

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

- 1. First of all, thanks to all people and organizations involved in the successful search and rescue up in the Porkies of 8-year-old Nante Niemi from Hurley. What a wonderful blessing that he was found safe and sound today!*
- 2. We have been answering questions about GRWA's boil advisory that the City of Ironwood is NOT on a boil advisory. We continue to stand by on their temporary solution of having Bessemer provide GRWA with water.*
- 3. I want to say THANKS to our Clerk Jen Jacobson and her crew of election workers for putting on the election last week. They did a great job once again hosting this important democratic process.*
- 4. Spring water main flushing will be coming up soon. Dates have not been set yet but will be publicly announced once determined.*
- 5. Spring Cleanup Day was this last Friday and Saturday. We had over 130 residents use this service. It was great to see people getting rid of trash from interiors and exteriors of homes.*

6. *The water plant subsequent funding discussions continue with USDA Rural Development. Hopefully by the next meeting in May we will have some more definite answers on how we will be moving forward. But we remain optimistic on the project moving forward.*
7. *Hemlock Street construction project from Broadway to US2 will be underway this summer starting once road limits come off. A neighborhood meeting will be held this Wednesday at 5 PM in the Memorial Building auditorium.*
8. *Downtown sewer main lining work is underway. There will be some traffic disruptions downtown for the next couple of months. The Contractor VisuSewer will be signing the construction appropriately and working with local businesses on the disruptions.*
9. *Our budgeting process continues after a work session last week. The next budget workshop schedule needs to be nailed down: How about Thursday 5/18/23 at 3:30 PM?*
10. *Public Safety and Code enforcement have been working together on blight issues over the past few weeks. Roughly 100 blight letters are in the process of being sent out.*
11. *The Compost Site will open this Thursday. Tentative hours are Thursday & Friday from 10-4 and Saturday from 9-2. We will be advertising this more.*
12. *Curry Park opening has been pushed back by a week due to the late winter weather. We are now tentatively scheduling the opening for May 26<sup>th</sup>.*

R. Other Matters.

*Commissioner Semo asked for a status update on the iTracker flow meters. Paul Anderson stated they are delivered, and the training and installation will begin next week.*

*Commissioner Andresen asked about changing the mowing in the Monarch Butterfly garden and requested to be excused from the June 12, 2023 meeting.*

**Motion** *was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to excuse Commissioner Andresen from the June 12, 2023 meeting.*

*Commissioner Mildren shared excitement with the rest of the Community on the wonderful news of Nante Niemi being found in the Porcupine Mountains.*

*Mayor Corcoran asked for an update on the Larch Street Blight that was brought to the Commission during Public Comment a few meetings back. Jason Alonen, City Assessor, stated that initial letters were sent out and there were several on Larch Street. He said properties not cleaned up will be presented to the Commission in June for further action.*

S. Adjournment.

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