

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on June 26, 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 June 12, 2023.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Motion was made by Korpela, seconded by Semo, 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 amend the Agenda to remove New Business items R. Consider Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations and agreement with Ironwood Professional Police Association (IPPA) as permitted under MCL 15.268 Section 8(c), and S. Return to Open Session.

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.

2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

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

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Check Register Report for May 2023. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and consider a Michigan Department of Transportation Agreement for the Van Buskirk Road re-paving project with an \$87,500 local match and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Agreement for the Van Buskirk Road re-paving project with an \$87,500 local match and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider obligating \$1,400 of the Xcel Energy Permanent Right of Way easement funds for property restoration of Miners Memorial Heritage Park.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to obligate \$1,400 of the Xcel Energy Permanent Right of Way easement funds for property restoration of Miners Memorial Heritage Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and consider approval of Contractor's Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$31,065.00 for the City of Ironwood – Margaret Street Culvert Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Semo, to approve the Contractor's Pay Application No. 1, to Ruotsala Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$31,065.00 for the City of Ironwood – Margaret Street Culvert Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and consider approval of Contractor's Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$135,004.60 for the City of Ironwood – Sewer Lining Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Contractor's Pay Application No. 1, to Visu-Sewer, Inc., in the amount of \$135,004.60 for the City of Ironwood – Sewer Lining Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- M. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #023-014 to transfer delinquent invoices for ordinance violations to the July 2023 City Tax Roll.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to adopt Resolution #023-014 to transfer delinquent invoices for ordinance violations to the July 2023 City Tax Roll. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #023-016 Amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, to adopt Resolution #023-016 Amending the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Corcoran re-appointed Robert Alexander, Nancy Korpela, and Roberta Sardina, to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority for 4-year terms (terms expiring June 30, 2027).

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried, to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Robert Alexander, Nancy Korpela, and Roberta Sardina, to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority for 4-year terms (terms expiring June 30, 2027).

Mayor Corcoran re-appointed Jake Ring and Thomas Kangas to the Parks and Recreation Committee for 3-year terms (terms expiring July 1, 2026).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried, to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Jake Ring and Thomas Kangas to the Parks and Recreation Committee for 3-year terms (terms expiring July 1, 2026).

Mayor Corcoran appointed Kenneth Raush to the Economic Development Corporation for a 6-year term (term expiring October 31, 2029).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kenneth Raush to the Economic Development Corporation for a 6-year term (term expiring October 31, 2029).

P. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

Engineering Updates

1. The dry weather has finally been broken up with some much-needed rain this past weekend.
2. The water plant project received our Buy American waiver last week. We hope to have funding obligation later this week and are tentatively scheduling a Special City Commission meeting for Thursday night this week to be able to award the project to the Contractor prior to some of the bidding terms expiring on June 30th. Funding application through the State of Michigan for Phase 2 of the Water Plant has been submitted and we should know more about that in August 2023.
3. Hemlock Street construction project from Broadway to US2 continues with storm sewer installation this week. Pipe work excavation will continue for the rest of June and July and restoration work after that.
4. Downtown sewer main lining work continues with the actual sewer lining work occurring last week and continuing this week. The splash pad will be closed tomorrow while that area is worked on. Should just be a one day shut down.
5. The Margaret Street culvert has been installed and restoration work is being scheduled for after the 4th of July.

6. *Angelo Luppino is continuing pavement patch projects for the City of Ironwood through the GCRC contract.*
7. *Pavement striping work is continuing this week by PK Contracting.*
8. *Crack sealing contractor, Scodeller Construction from downstate Michigan, will be in town soon to crack seal the Norrie and Jessieville neighborhoods.*
9. *Miners Park Mountain Bike Trail project by Flow Track started the last week of May. Work is scheduled to be completed in late July or early August. The trails are open for use by the public. Signage is one of the last items that will be completed at the end of the project.*
10. *Engineering work for the \$3MIL lead service line project continues. We hope to have this project out to bid later this summer for construction through 2024 and 2025.*
Managers Updates
11. *Public Safety and Code enforcement have been working together on blight issues over the past two months. City DPW will be working on mowing grass blight violations in the days ahead.*
12. *The 100-year celebration of the Memorial Building will be on Friday July 7th at roughly 5 PM. We will be advertising the final schedule of events this next week. There will be band music played by Ironwood High School, members of Marty's and the Gogebic Range band will be present. Speeches by Mayor Corcoran and Commissioner Mildren and most importantly a photo recreation of the 1923 photograph that was taken at the original dedication. We anticipate this taking around 45 minutes and then encourage people to go visit the local businesses for food and refreshments afterwards for First Friday.*
13. *A reminder that the City offices will be closed on Tuesday July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday. City Hall will be open on Monday July 3rd.*
14. *The Curry Park Campground has been very busy, and our Campground Hosts are doing an excellent job. Revenue to date is \$26,240.*

Q. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren commented on how beautiful Ironwood's Downtown looks and how many people were enjoying the splash pad. A comment was also shared about not starting the live video for Commission meetings too soon before the meeting.

- R. Consider Closed Session to discuss the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager as permitted under MCL 15.268 Section 8(a).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to enter in to Closed Session at 6:16 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(a), to discuss the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

S. Return to Open Session.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to return to open session at 6:47 p.m.*

Mayor Corcoran verbally informed the public that City Manager Paul Anderson receives a very high-performance evaluation and that the Commission is extremely happy with his work.

T. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk