

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on November 27, 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, Korpi, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: None

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Special Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023.

b. Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023.

c. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023.

d. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2023.

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

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

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

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

Michael Meyer, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of Agenda Item O, encouraging the Commission to proceed forward with adopting Ordinance Number 545. Mr. Meyer's stated he worked for several years on the Downtown Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan and said approval of the Plan is imperative for Cinnaire Solutions to apply for funding to develop property in our Downtown District.

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 approving Change Order #2, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$463.50 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve Change Order #2, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$463.50 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

J. Discuss and consider approval of Payment #1, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$74,590.16 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Payment #1, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$74,590.16 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and consider approval of a proposal from Fahrner Excavating for the use of the Compost Site as a Commercial Snow Dump requiring a \$500.00 deposit for the 2023-2024 Winter Season.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve the proposal from Fahrner Excavating for the use of the Compost Site as a Commercial Snow Dump requiring a \$500.00 deposit for the 2023-2024 Winter Season. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

L. Discuss and consider approving the 2024 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District Board and authorize the City Treasurer/Finance Director to sign.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve the 2024 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District Board and authorize the City Treasurer/Finance Director to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

M. Discuss and consider sale of property at 238 E. Ayer Street.

A brief discussion on the sale of property at 238 E. Ayer Street took place. There was a question with property addresses, and how many lots were being requested to sell. It was the consensus of the Commission to move forward with obtaining an appraisal of two adjacent properties that are currently being leased to UP-in Smoke barbecue for future consideration of selling the property.

N. Discuss and consider sale of property at 205 W. Aurora Street.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve the sale of property at 205 W. Aurora Street for \$115,000 as described in the Purchase Agreement between Cinnaire Solutions and the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Discuss and consider introduction of Ordinance Number 545, an Ordinance to adopt the Ironwood Downtown Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to acknowledge the introduction of Ordinance Number 545, an Ordinance to adopt the Ironwood Downtown Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan, and schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 4:30 PM to take action on Ordinance Number 545.

P. Discuss and consider approving a 5-year agreement with Axon for Public Safety Body Cameras in the amount of \$8,990.84/yr.

Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to approve a 5-year agreement with Axon for Public Safety Body Cameras in the amount of \$8,990.84/yr. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Q. Discuss and consider declaring Department of Public Works Equipment as Surplus, approving the sale of Surplus Equipment and authorizing advertisement to bid.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to declare the following equipment as surplus equipment, authorize the sale of the equipment and set the minimum bids:

<i>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT</i>	<i>Minimum Bid Amount</i>
<i>1979 Oshkosh 2-Man Plow truck w/wing</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>2002 Case 580 Super M Backhoe</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>
<i>2007 Sterling Vactor truck</i>	<i>\$30,000* min. bid approved 8/28/23</i>
<i>Everady walk behind saw</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Almar power roller</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>MB walk behind powered broom</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>
<i>Ground Pounder GP4000 Compactor Honda Engine</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Ground Pounder Compactor Subaru Engine</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>QTY:3 Homelite 3" trash pumps</i>	<i>\$50 each</i>
<i>CHE 3" diaphragm pump</i>	<i>\$50</i>

R. Consider appointments to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board for a two-year term, expiring June 30, 2025.

Mayor Corcoran reappointed Bob Tervonen and Paul Anderson to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority Board for a two-year term, expiring June 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Bob Tervonen and Paul Anderson to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority Board for a two-year term, expiring June 30, 2025.

S. Manager's Appointment.

City Manager Paul Anderson appointed Steve Lunday to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a 5-year term, expiring on June 30, 2028.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to approve the Manager's appointment of Steve Lunday to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a 5-year term, expiring on June 30, 2028.*

T. City Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

Manager Updates

- *Mother nature finally turned on the winter switch these last 24 hours. The warm weather has helped projects go late into fall conditions. This has been good for construction but unfortunate for winter sports and our winter tourism economy.*
- *I hope everyone is having a good time during hunting season. Sounds like it's been a tough year for the deer harvesting. Hopefully next year is goes better.*
- *City Deer Hunt starts again on 12/1 and continues through 12/31. We currently have 9 hunters participating and three does have been harvested thus far.*
- *Hopefully everyone had a good Thanksgiving last week. With Christmas falling on a City Commission night, the second meeting in December will be held on 12/27.*
- *I mentioned the winter sports:*
 - a. *the large snowmobile sno-cross race at Mt Zion on December 15-17th. I understand that Mt Zion started making snow last Friday and now that Mother Nature is helping with some natural snow, organizers are planning on the event as expected. This 3 day event is slated to bring in thousands of people to the area, so everyone is excited for a great event.*
 - b. *The ski hills are also making snow and rumor is some of them may be opening this weekend.*
- *The compost site is now closed for the season.*
- *Mt Zion access drive is closed for the season.*
- *The Cemetery is closed for burials for the season.*
- *Reminder from Republic Services who does our garbage pickup: please place carts in your cleared driveway with accessible cart spacing. Do not have them buried in the snowbank or on top of the snowbank, too far into your driveway, or too far out into the road, or your garbage will not be picked up. The schedules throughout the holidays are planned to remain the same as normal. Any changes and the City will put out notice.*
- *Jack Frost Festival continues this weekend with the Jack Frost Parade! We have 38 units participating in the parade and all the 10,000 raffle tickets are sold.*
- *Friday night check out the Frost Friday event with a Vendor Crawl downtown Ironwood from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Check out the Chambers website or Facebook page for more event information, as there is stuff happening many days a week for the next month.*
- *Santa's Headquarters is in their 18th year of providing support to those in need of gifts for their children at Christmas. The deadline to return gifts is December 1, 2023. The Memorial Building has tags and is a drop point for gifts.*

- *SISU registration is closed. Congratulations to all of us racers who are registered and best of luck with your abbreviated training schedule over the next 5 weeks!*
- *The City staff would like to congratulate and thank Sheryl Norman from her retirement from IPSD after 21 years of dedicated service. Her last day was last week.*
- *This Thursday is Tim Pertile's last day of work for the City of Ironwood before he begins his retirement after 17 years of service. Tim most recently served as the City's Water Plant operator and has done an excellent job in running the plant, cleaning things up at the Pump station and keeping the plant running until this new plant can get brought online in a few more years. Tim has been training in Bill Tregembo for the past several months to take over his role in operating the water plant.*

Engineering Updates

- *Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. Concrete pours are continuing almost daily the last couple weeks. One of the main slabs of 75 CY of concrete is being poured this week on Wednesday.*
- *The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes. They have done about 57 addresses so far and plan to perform 1-2 per day until winter snow conditions set in.*
- *I'm making some good progress on the Curry Park electrical project. The CT cabinet is a long lead time item that I am ordering now so it will be here mid-summer next year. We will be bidding the rest of the project out once the DNR approves the bid specs. That should happen in Dec and January.*
- *I had a meeting on Phase 2 of the water plant design w/ HDR last week. We hope to have a contract for you to approve in December. Design will occur from January through March, bidding April and May. Then construction will have to wait until Phase 1 construction wraps up by June of 2025. Phase 2 construction would be June 2025- Fall 2026.*

U. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo mentioned that the Miner's Trail was rolled for the first time yesterday and the trails are already seeing some early use.

Commissioner Mildren gave a shout out to the local businesses who continue to take part in the First Friday events. He also commented on the great work by both the Historic Ironwood Theatre and Theatre North with their shows.

V. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk