

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on December 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, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: Commissioner Semo (excused)

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023.

Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, 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 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 Korpi, and carried, to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending November 30, 2023, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for November 2023.

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Check Register Report for November 2023 as presented. 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 approving Change Order #3, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$9,780.00 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #3, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$9,780.00 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider approval of Payment #2, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$100,489.96 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve Payment #2, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$100,489.96 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- K. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance Number 546, an Ordinance to vacate the Superior Street right-of-way between Francis Street and Cloverland Drive.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Ordinance Number 546, an Ordinance to vacate the Superior Street right-of-way between Francis Street and Cloverland Drive. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and consider approving ballot language to renew the one mill for continued operation, support, and maintenance of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for a period of four years from 2025-2028.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve ballot language on the August 6, 2024 ballot to renew the one mill for continued operation, support, and maintenance of the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for a period of four years from 2025-2028. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and authorize the execution of the \$150,895.00 contract with Penchura, LLC., for the Hiawatha Park Playground Project.

Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to authorize the execution of the \$150,895.00 contract with Penchura, LLC., for the Hiawatha Park Playground Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and consider approving Resolution #023-038 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) authorizing City Manager to apply for any necessary permits.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve Resolution #023-038 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) authorizing City Manager to apply for any necessary permits. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and consider authorizing the City to purchase a new 3-ton crane for the Department of Public Works Equipment Repair Shop, with training from Midwest Overhead Crane for \$53,412.00.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to authorize the City to purchase a new 3-ton crane for the Department of Public Works Equipment Repair Shop, with training from Midwest Overhead Crane for \$53,412.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and consider approving an agreement with HDR Michigan, Inc. not to exceed \$949,000.00 for Professional Engineering Services related to Phase 2 of the Water Treatment Plant Project.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to approve an agreement with HDR Michigan, Inc. not to exceed \$949,000.00 for Professional Engineering Services related to Phase 2 of the Water Treatment Plant Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and consider approving a special event water rate for Gogebic Community College from December 15-17 for the Sno-Cross National races held at Mt. Zion.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Corcoran, to approve a special event water rate for Gogebic Community College from December 15-17 for the Sno-Cross National races held at Mt. Zion. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

Manager Updates

- *We continue to pray for snow. It's been great for the snow plowing budget, but we continue to empathize with our local businesses that are hurting without the normal winter sports visitors coming to Town and snow-based industries.*
- *City Deer Hunt wraps up this weekend on 12/31. We currently have 8 hunters participating with three does and one buck harvested thus far.*
- *The SISU planning team is working out the final details for the January 6th event. They plan on making the final call later this week. Final details will be released on Friday via SISU.*
- *The ski hills will resume making snow in the coming days once the temperatures drop. Some of them plan on being open for the upcoming New Year's holiday.*
- *Check out the Chambers website or Facebook page for more Jack Frost Festival events. Thursday 12/28 there will be a candlelight snowshoe (hike) in Miners Park from 6-8PM.*
- *Curry Park Campground Reservations will open on 2/5/24 this year instead of the normal first business day in January. This is due to the switchover of booking platforms.*
- *Upcoming Work Sessions: Jan 8th Audit Presentation and Jan 22nd is the Winter Cities Institute presentation. Both sessions are at 5 PM. I am working on setting up a Work Session for the Commission Goal Setting session. Hoping for Wednesday 1/24/24 at 4 PM. We will be reaching out to you all to confirm that date and a time.*
- *I wish to thank Bob Richards for his dedicated years of service to the City of Ironwood as DPW Supervisor and want to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.*

Engineering Updates

- *Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. Concrete pours have been continuing with multiple pours per week occurring. Most of the foundation work below grade is completed and they are beginning to come out of the ground with building above grade walls.*
- *The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes Excavating. They have done construction on about 65 addresses so far and we have taken over 150 addresses off our list, as we are finding about 50% of the services that were thought to be galvanized are copper. Even though this takes a lot of administrative time to figure out, this is great news from our budgeting aspect, as it reduces the cost of working towards zero lead service lines. Jakes Excavating plans to perform 1-2 per day until winter snow conditions set in.*
- *We've had good meetings this past week for the Curry Park electrical project. We will be submitting bid documents for review by MDNR so that we can be bidding the project out in January or February.*
- *I hope everyone had a great Christmas celebration and has a happy New Year! City offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week in recognition of the New Year's holiday.*

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren encouraged visitors to come to Ironwood and enjoy our great downtown area, suggesting a visit to the Historic Ironwood Theatre, the Civic Center, or taking a hike on our local trails while in town with the unseasonably warm weather being experienced.

Mayor Corcoran wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

T. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk